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DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

OSHA Requirement for Workers

Under Local Law 41, all workers at "major buildings" (as defined by 2008 Building Code) are required to complete a 10-hour course in construction safety. The workers required by Local Law 41 to complete the training include all active trade workers as well as managers, foremen, and project superintendents working on the project site. This training does not apply to Registered Architects or Professional Engineers. For acceptance, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration must approve this course. Site safety plans of major buildings must include a statement that all workers have completed this course. Visit www.osha.gov to find an authorized training facility. Enforcement will begin no sooner than July 1, 2009 and will apply to projects for which building permits are issued on and after July 1, 2009.

Major Buildings has been defined in the Building Code as follows:

3310.2 Major Buildings. A major building is a building proposed to have any of the following characteristics:

1. Be constructed to a height of 10 or more stories;
2. Be constructed to a height of 125 feet (38 100 mm) or more;
3. Have a lot of coverage of 100,000 square feet (30 480 m²) or more regardless of height; or
4. As defined by the commissioner.

The requirement for this 10-hour safety course is further defined in the Code stating that a Site Safety Plan is required for construction, demolition and major alterations of the facade on major buildings.

Because the Master Plumbers Council felt this was somewhat unclear, we pressed the issue in various emails with the Department as well as at the recent Operations Subcommittee meeting. While we are at the time of print still waiting the official minutes from this meeting, it is our understanding that this requirement has been interpreted for requirement on large, new buildings. However, many plumbers perform alteration work in large buildings. It was stated in the meeting that if working within an apartment at a large apartment building, workers would only need the 10-hour course if that particular building had major facade work being done at the time.

We will continue to keep you updated on this matter and will publish an update from the official Operations Subcommittee minutes once they have become available.



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FREE DOB PLUMBING INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Department of Buildings Plumbing unit will be providing free training classes to help with the plumbing inspection process. All information sessions will be at 280 Broadway, Manhattan in the 6th floor training room.

Dates:

Monday, August 17th	9:00 – 12:00 PM
Monday, August 17th	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday, August 18th	9:00 – 12:00 PM
Tuesday, August 18th	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Thursday, August 20th	9:00 – 12:00 PM
Thursday, August 20th	1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Reservations are required as seating is limited. In order to reserve a space, send the following information: name, contact information and the date and time you are requesting via email to shajones@buildings.nyc.gov or ceayala@buildings.nyc.gov or fax to 212-566-5759

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2009 High Efficiency Expo & Educational Event

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JOURNEYMAN REGISTRATION



How to Become a New York City Registered Journeyman Plumber or Fire Suppression Piping Installer

STEP ONE: You must meet the minimum qualifications to become a registered Journeyman Plumber or Journeyman Fire Suppression Piping Installer.

- 1) You must:
 - a. Be at least 18 years old
 - b. Be able to read, write, and understand the English language
 - c. Have good moral character, so as to not adversely impact upon fitness to perform the duties and responsibilities of this registration.

- 2) You must have a progressive understanding, proficiency and competence in the plumbing or fire suppression piping trade, including:
 - a. A working familiarity with the Code and technical standards and the ability to apply the Code requirements correctly;
 - b. The application of basic plumbing/fire suppression theory and using trade skills on the job site;
 - c. A working knowledge of the tools of the trade and the ability to properly use them; and
 - d. An ability to draft simple diagrams and interpret drawings for the plumbing/fire suppression work in which the applicant is engaged.

- 3) You **must** also meet **one** of the following levels of experience:
 - a. Minimum of 5 years of full-time experience performing plumbing or fire suppression piping under the direct and continuing supervision of a licensed Master Plumber or a licensed Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor or equivalent, where at least one year of this experience was in New York City.
Note: Qualifying experience must be specifically Plumbing or Fire Suppression. Plumbing experience cannot be used to qualify for the Journeyman Fire Suppression registration and Fire Suppression experience cannot be used to qualify for the Journeyman Plumber registration.
 - b. Have satisfactorily completed a New York State registered training program with the required one year of experience in New York City. Note: One year of experience in New York City is required to obtain a Journeyman registration.

STEP TWO: Submit your registration application online at www.nyc.gov/buildings.

You must complete the Journeyman registration application on the Department's website. Please make sure you read the instructions and the application carefully. If you do not complete all the required fields your application will be denied. Upon submitting your application, you will receive a confirmation email. This email acknowledges receipt of your application and does not mean that you have been found qualified. You must satisfactorily complete step three in order to finalize the process.

STEP THREE: Schedule an appointment and appear at the Licensing unit.

To complete the application process, you must make an appointment to visit the Licensing unit in person at 280 Broadway at Chambers Street in Manhattan. The Licensing unit is on the 6th floor. You may call for an appointment starting 10 business days from the date you received the confirmation email. If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment with a customer service representative, please call (212) 566-4100.

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To complete the process you must bring the following to your appointment:

- Photo Identification (driver license, passport, green card)
- Original Social Security card
- If you have qualified using an apprenticeship/training program, you must bring the original completion certificate.
- Notarized affidavits from all past or current employers you have indicated on your online application. Affidavits from NYC licensees must be sealed. Letters must include the following information and must be an **exact match** to what was submitted on your online application:
 - Your job title (helper, journeyman, etc.);
 - A detailed description of your duties;
 - When you worked with the licensee (Employment Dates on letter(s) must be in mm/dd/yyyy format);
 - Whether employment was on a full or part-time basis; and
 - A statement by the licensee that he or she directly supervised your work.
- Social Security History of Earnings for the years you are claiming as experience. There is a fee required by the Social Security Administration for this service. You **MUST** request the report to be run by "company name." You may request the information by mail or in person. (Ordinarily you can receive this instantly in person). Visit the Social Security Administration's website at ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.html for more information.
- A printout of the PDF version of your online application. You will be required to sign this in front of the customer service representative at your appointment.
- Original application fee of \$50, payable with cash, credit card, check or money order

Your registration will not be granted unless you verify that you meet the qualifications for the registration with the above-listed documentation.

You have one year from the date the Department sends the email confirming receipt of your application to begin submitting the required documents for your registration. Candidates may make an appointment to submit this documentation by calling (212) 566-4100 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. If all the required documentation is provided, your registration card will be issued during your appointment.

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