



MPC FAQ – TRAINING INFORMATION (Updated July 09, 2018)

* Please review the [terms and vocabulary page](#) as this section makes use of acronyms found in that section.

1. Who will provide the required US DOT Operator Qualification training?

Members of Plumbers Local one and their employers shall be trained by Operator Qualified Instructors at the training center.

UA Plumbers Local 1 Training Center
37-11 47th Avenue
Long Island City NY 11101

Note: Local 1 members will only receive training after their employer has been accepted into the Plumbing Foundation Operator Qualification Program; their employer sponsors them and they pass the baseline drug test. The Plumbing Foundation will coordinate scheduling of the training with the Local 1 Director of training.

For all other licensees seeking to obtain training for themselves or their employees please visit the NYC Master Plumbers Council website at:

www.nycmpc.org/DOT---Operator-Qualification.aspx

Specific questions related only to **TRAINING ONLY** should be directed to: dotoq@nycmpc.org

2. Why are only the MPC and Plumbers Local 1 providing training?

When [Case 14-G-0357](#) was resolved on April 02, 2015 it created the need to develop a covered task and qualification program for periodic inspections. When [Case 15-G-0244](#) was resolved on April 20, 2017 it provided LMPs and their employees the ability to obtain OQ and conduct required inspections for the LDCs. It also provided the LDCs with the ability to work with plumbing associations to develop tasks, training and testing to achieve the OQ required to perform the tasks. All of the tasks, training, testing and other requirements have been accepted by the PSC. The caveat in [Case 15-G-0244](#) is that the LDCs are responsible for ensuring that all of the requirements are adhered to. The PSC will audit the utilities and if there are any discrepancies the LDC will be penalized.

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This training program is a first of its kind enhanced gas safety training program. It was developed by the NGA especially for Covered Task 86 and Task 87. The training program has been updated on a continual basis and we anticipate once training starts it will be updated also. The Plumbing organizations and Plumbers Local 1 instructors have taken an active role in the development of this program, including the written exams and practical exam. The utilities have decided that only those plumbing organizations and the Local Union shall be permitted to engage in training and monitoring.

3. Who will be doing the training for the MPC?

It is the intent of the MPC to employ certified NGA instructors to conduct the training classes. We feel that since this training is brand new, and constantly evolving, it is important that the NGA be involved to address questions and issues as they arise. The MPC is also in the process of certifying some of their qualified members to become instructors. These members have attended an instructor training course, as well as the full seven hour training course. They will be taking the written and practical exams shortly.

4. What is the cost for the training?

We consider the training as an investment in your business, as the knowledge gained will enhance awareness of gas safety and increase public safety. The training is relevant for anyone doing gas work. The MPC has incurred expenses in setting up this training program. We are working out the final costs and will publish information about investment costs shortly.

5. What experience does my employee need for me to sponsor him/her to participate in this program?

The training provided for this particular Operator Qualification is specialized enhanced safety training. For Task 87, candidates will be required to have prior knowledge of fuel gas pipe system repair, installation and maintenance. The training for this task is limited to the specific requirements listed. Task 86 training will include performing leak surveys, corrosion surveys, recognizing and responding to abnormal operating conditions, and purging gas piping systems in and out of service. All candidates are expected to have a familiarity with gas operations. As the licensee, you will be sponsoring the candidate and attesting to their experience level and their employment with your firm.

The applicant for a US DOT gas operator qualification, covering required Task 86 and Task 87, shall have a minimum of **xxx** hours experience in the performance of gas work, in the direct employ and direct and continuing supervision of a NYC Licensed Master Plumber, in accordance with the provisions of 28-408 of the NYC Administrative Code, or in the case of a city agency, a

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supervising licensed master plumber, or shall have completed a NYS recognized training program. For the purposes of this requirement, “gas work” shall mean the fabrication, assembly, installation, removal, repair, modification, testing or maintenance of both US DOT jurisdictional and other fuel gas piping systems to be utilized within buildings at any pressure. The person I am sponsoring is presently in my direct employ as defined in NYC Administrative Code Article 401.

If it is discovered any false statements or fraudulent information is provided, your firm may be dropped from the program. In addition, you may be reported to the Department of Buildings.

Exception: These requirements shall not apply to gas work performed, serviced and maintained by utility corporations and subject to the jurisdiction of the New York State Public Service Commission.

6. Can anyone sign up for training?

NO. Only active NYC Licensed Master Plumbers can submit applications for training. They must sponsor candidates and attest to their experience levels.

Note: The MPC shall assume any submission received is from the LMP. You are responsible for the actions of your employees. Persons applying who are found not to be active NYC LMPs will be excluded from the training program and no refunds shall be provided.

7. Do I have to be an MPC member to obtain training or sponsor my employee?

No, any active NYC LMP can submit an application to attend training or sponsor a qualified employee.

8. How do I sign-up?

Applications shall be submitted online through a link in our website. You will complete your company information, the candidate’s information and acknowledgement of the terms and conditions. In addition, you will also affirm the candidate’s experience.

Once those sections are completed, you will pick an available course date and complete the process.

9. What if I make an error or have to change a class date?

The licensee should be the person submitting the application and should make sure they have a clear understanding of the process and that the information they are providing is accurate. As a

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LMP, you are aware that all persons in your employ are under your direct and continuing supervision and you are responsible for their actions. The system is set up so that you will be prompted to review and affirm the information you have selected is accurate. Based on that, all applications are final and not refundable. If you realize 3 weeks ahead of the scheduled class that you will not be able to make the class, you will be permitted to switch classes. There will be a \$250 fee to change the date.

Note: The MPC reserves the right to cancel classes for any reason at any time. In the event the MPC cancels a class a full refund will be provided.

10. If I or my employee signs up and attends a class, what happens next?

Persons who attend the entire class and follow the directions of the class instructor, will be issued a certificate after the training is completed. Persons who have received training and are members of the Plumbing Foundation Gas Operator Program will contact that agency to receive an exam date.

Anyone who intends to obtain US DOT Operator Qualifications for gas service piping will need to obtain Gas Operator Qualification Membership with the Plumbing Foundation City of New York. More information can be found by clicking this link:

www.plumbingfoundation.nyc/gas-operator-qualification

11. Where will training be done?

We intend to conduct training sessions at:

Hampton Inn LaGuardia Airport

102-40 Ditmars Blvd

East Elmhurst, NY 11369

Note: The MPC reserves the right to change venues at any time. If a change is made to a scheduled class all participants shall be notified at least one week in advance.

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