



**PLUMBING
FOUNDATION
CITY OF NEW YORK**

Plumbing Foundation City of New York, Inc.
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GAS OPERATOR QUALIFICATION MEMBERSHIP

The Gas Operator Qualification Membership (“GOQ”) application must be completed by an individual who holds a certificate of competency as a Licensed Master Plumber and who is an owner of or employed by a NYC plumbing firm. “Participants” in the employ of the Applicant listed on approved applications will be entered into the GOQ membership pool as defined in the attached Memorandum (Attachment A). “Participants,” also known as “Participating members,” are plumbing technicians employed by a New York City-licensed plumbing firm and meet both the training and testing qualifications as set forth herein.

An application for GOQ Membership in The Plumbing Foundation City of New York, Inc. (“Foundation”) is hereby submitted by:

1. Firm name: _____

Located at: _____

Licensed Plumber Name(s) and Plate #(s) _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail of Applicant: _____

2. The business is (check one):

Individually owned A partnership A corporation Other _____

3. Applicant is existing member¹ of the Foundation: Yes No

4. Please check one:

I **AM** a Plumbers Union Local No. 1 Signatory Contractor
 I **AM NOT** a Plumbers Union Local 1 Signatory Contractor (I am non-union)

¹ If interested, please contact the Foundation for a full membership application. Full membership with the Foundation includes but is not limited to: participation at meetings during which the industry discusses relevant updates to city and state legislation, rulemaking, and other policy initiatives; assistance in developing the regulatory, legislative, and enforcement agenda of the Foundation; subscription to the *Pipecaster*, a quarterly publication which contains invaluable industry; biweekly e-blasts containing relevant industry news; and networking opportunities with industry leaders, legislators, and policymakers.

5. Participant names (You **MUST** complete Attachment C and return with Application):

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. The applicant agrees to pay by check or PayPal the Annual Per Participant Dues² to the Foundation prior to the Participant's entrance in the GOQ Membership pool based upon the following fee schedule*:

Existing Foundation Members:	\$600 per Participant for First Year \$300 per Participant for Subsequent Years
New Gas Operator Qualification Members:	\$700 for first Participant, \$600 for each additional Participant for First Year \$300 Per Participant for Subsequent Years
Renewal Participant**:	\$250 per Participant

Checks are payable to: The Plumbing Foundation City of New York, Inc.

Approved applicants are referred to as "Member employers."

² The Annual Per Participant Dues is in addition to any fees associated with the authorized instructors' fees and/or associated with reasonable cause/ post-accident drug and alcohol testing, both which will be billed separately and directly to the Member employer. Attachment E must be filled out by Applicant for costs associated with reasonable cause/ post-accident drug and alcohol testing; however, Applicant **will not be billed by the drug and alcohol testing provider unless such reasonable cause/ post-accident drug and alcohol testing is required**. In addition, the Annual Per Participant Dues are considered a deposit for participation in the GOQ membership pool; if a Participant fails the drug and alcohol test, he/she cannot be in the pool and therefore cannot be signed up for operator qualification examinations. The Foundation will reimburse Member employers for fees above the cost of the baseline drug and alcohol test, but in no way shall the Foundation be held liable for the cost of drug and alcohol testing if a Participant fails to show up and/or fails the test. Finally, the Foundation will charge a no-show fee if a Participant fails to show up at his/her scheduled operator qualification examinations.

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****The Foundation reserves the right to make modifications to this fee schedule annually, which will be effective the first of January each year, to adjust for changes in the cost of the drug and alcohol testing program and the operator qualification program. Member employers will be notified 15 days prior to the first of January of any changes in the fee schedule in order to decide whether such member wishes to renew its membership for the upcoming year.***

*****A "renewal participant" is a Participant who was in the GOQ Membership Pool under one Member employer but subsequently was laid off or not working for more than 30 days and began working again for the same or a different Member employer after 30 days and, therefore, needs to take a new baseline drug and alcohol test to re-enter the testing pool. Any Participant transferring from one Member employer to another Member employer within the pool, who has NOT been out of work for more than 30 days, is not required to take a new baseline drug test.***

7. The applicant agrees to **all terms and conditions in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment A)** and agrees he/she has read and acknowledged all duties, obligations, and limitations as set forth in such Memorandum. Further, applicant agrees that he/she will not share this application or any attachments thereof with any person or entity, that he/she understands all applications and attachments are proprietary documents of the Plumbing Foundation, and that he/she shall maintain the confidentiality of all information in such application and attachments. The applicant confirms that all Participants named herein have adequate experience to partake in the training program as described herein and releases the Foundation of any liability related to the Participants' qualifications. This in no way limits the applicant's ability to seek legal advice from an attorney before signing this Agreement.

8. Applicant agrees to follow procedures established by the Foundation, including for scheduling of drug and alcohol testing and scheduling of training and examinations. Further, applicant agrees to **notify the Foundation within 24 hours if a Participant (i.e. Applicant's employee) is no longer employed by the applicant. Applicant also agrees to notify the Foundation within 24 hours if applicant's plumbing license issued by the New York City Department of Buildings has been suspended and/or revoked.**

9. The Plumbing Foundation City of New York, established in 1986, is a nonprofit association of licensed contracting firms, engineering associations, manufacturers and suppliers whose mission is to ensure the public health through the enactment and enforcement of safe plumbing codes. In connection with that mission it regularly meets with legislative and regulatory bodies that pass laws and promulgate regulations which affect the plumbing industry. The Foundation also works with various city agencies to try to reduce unneeded bureaucratic steps and paperwork that increase costs to the consumer with no public health benefit.

THE FOUNDATION DOES NOT ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENT WITH ANY ENTITY REGARDING LABOR OR EMPLOYMENT AND THEREFORE CANNOT BIND ITS MEMBERS TO ANY SUCH AGREEMENT.

(Signature of applicant)

Name

Plate Number

Date