



COVID-19 UPDATES – June 4, 2020

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Coming in Tomorrow's Update: Getting Back to Work.

PPP Forgiveness Changes Coming as Senate Passes House Bill

Article from the Journal of Accountancy

The U.S. Senate passed the House version of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) legislation Wednesday night, tripling the time allotted for small businesses and other PPP loan recipients to spend the funds and still qualify for forgiveness of the loans.

The bill passed in a unanimous voice vote hours after Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson initially blocked it. Among the key provisions is a change in the threshold for the amount of PPP funds required to be spent on payroll costs to qualify for forgiveness to 60% of the loan amount. [Click here to continue reading.](#)

[Click here for a PPP Report from the US Small Business Administration.](#)

Message from the Executive Board:

While it is not official until the President signs it, we strongly recommend that you have a conversation with your lawyer and your accountant to review your status.

NYC Executive Order No. 120 Extends Renewal Deadline for Certifications

Yesterday, June 3, 2020, the Mayor issued an update to [Emergency Executive Order No. 120](#). In this order, the renewal deadline for certifications has been further extended for the duration of the State of Emergency.

§ 4. I hereby suspend the refresher training program requirements for training cards or certificates required by sections 3314.4.5 or 3316.9.2 of the New York City Building Code, and section 104-6 of title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York, and order that any renewal deadlines for persons who hold training cards or certificates are extended for the pendency of the State of Emergency.



Message from the Executive Board:

The link above for NYC Executive Order 120, issued yesterday, June 3rd, further extends the renewal deadline requirement to cover certifications (e.g. annual qualifications for gas pipe welding) until the Mayor lifts such order. We anticipate that once the order is lifted, you will have 45 additional days to comply.

16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Course

On January 1, 2020, enforcement of **Local Law 150** began. The law requires that anyone on a jobsite working on gas piping in any capacity must be either:

1. A Licensed Master Plumber OR
2. Hold a Full Gas Work Certificate OR
3. Hold a Limited Gas Certificate *and* be in the personal and immediate supervision of the Licensed Master Plumber or the person holding the Full Gas Work Certificate.

The MPC has made arrangements with SAFCO Training, DOB approved course providers, to virtually present the 16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification workshops.

COURSE DETAILS

Date: Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th

Time: 8:00am - 4:00pm (*on both days*)

Cost: \$375 per student

Location: Virtual Class via Zoom (*Once registered, you will receive a link to access the course*)

If you are interested in registering an employee(s) please email SAFCOtraining@nycmpc.org

****Attendees MUST have access to a webcam for the entire session on both days and virtually attend both sessions – There will not be any refunds issued if you miss a class OR are inactive during the class****



MPC Reaches a Major Milestone

Dear Valued Member,

I hope that you and your family are staying safe during these difficult and uncertain times. On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors of the Master Plumbers Council (MPC) I am pleased to announce that we have reached a new milestone in membership. In early May we welcomed our 300th member to the MPC family. We believe that our continued growth even during this pandemic is a testament to the value that membership in this organization provides.

Our leadership and committees are made of volunteer members that are licensed plumbers just like you. Besides being regular members, these people volunteer their time to bring you the updates and other valuable information that is essential to successfully operate your plumbing business. In addition to the updates we have established a learning center to provide our members with the latest state of the art training. We continue to remain active in working with the DOB, DEP and Utilities to help identify and resolve issues before they become a problem for our members.

What is the secret to our success? In our case it is our membership that makes us so effective. I want to take this opportunity to personally thank every one of our members. It is only through your continued support and participation that we have been able to reach this milestone. As plumbers, and members of the plumbing industry, we are truly in the same boat. We all face the same issues and uncertainties. I am confident that by continuing to work together we can overcome any obstacles that come our way. Perhaps the greatest member benefit we offer is our extensive committee email service. This provides members with the ability to ask a question, report an issue or just send us important information. Many members have taken advantage of this service to help successfully resolve their issues. By reporting issues to us we are able to address them before they can affect other members.

There are many stories about how the MPC has helped a member. Do you have one? I would like to invite you to share your personal stories about how the organization has helped them. **Members can [click here](#) for more information on how to share your story.** You can also use this to let us know if there are any additional services you would like to see added.

This feedback is very important to us. We want to make sure everyone understands that membership in the MPC means you will never have to face obstacles alone and your voice will always be heard.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Rick Bonelli
President
Master Plumbers Council of the City of New York



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