



WEEKLY UPDATE

OCTOBER 5 - 9, 2020

Message from the Executive Board:

We look forward to seeing those who are signed up for tomorrow's membership meeting. Considering recent circumstances, we understand that many of you may not be comfortable attending any in person event. We respect your decision, but also ask for your consideration. If you are registered and have changed your mind about attending, please call the office immediately, as we have many people on the waitlist and would like to give them the opportunity to attend. All safety protocols will be observed.

Last week we saw one of our members stave off license expiration (with 2 days to spare) and another had his license renewed after 39 days. This was only possible with the help and hard work of our Lobbyist, Arthur Goldstein. If there is ever a question of what our Lobbyist does for us, now you know one of the important services he provides to our association. You may ask, why did it take 39 days for the member to get renewed? It was not for lack of effort! Up to this point, more than 10 members have experienced issues with renewals, and we are sure that there will be more. Please take the time to read the license renewal information featured in this update that was prepared by our Committee.

Also, please read the updated LL 152 section in this update. It is important that members follow all of the guidelines that were taught in our DOT training program. There will be a live virtual License renewal [course on October 20, 2020](#). DOB Licensing Director Hinckley is set to make a presentation. Hopefully, he will offer some tips on successfully renewing your license. We will be sure to bring you any information that he provides.

We are pleased to announce that we will be starting in person training again. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at the training center to ensure the safety of all participants. A list of available courses will be published in a future update.

The DOB Committee is gearing up for the November Sub-Ops Committee Meeting on November 03, 2020. Members are encouraged to send their questions to dob@nycmpc.org

SUNY Empire State College/CTLTC 7-hour License Renewal Course

Please be aware that due to COVID-19 this course will only be available remotely. **It will be a LIVE virtual one-day only course.** All material will be sent to attendees the night before the course.

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

[Click here to register and for more information.](#)

**Please be aware that the DOB requires you to take this course within one year of your license renewal date.*



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16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Course **October Course Available - 10/17 & 10/18**

The requirements of Local Law 150 went into effect on January 1, 2020. The MPC realizes there is a shortage of availability for the required 16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Training class. Attendance at this class is required to obtain a Limited Gas Work qualification. As an extra benefit to membership, we have entered into a partnership with a DOB approved Course provider to provide the 16 Hour Course Limited Gas Work Qualification course.

The MPC offers the only unique and immersive class experience at our training center in Bellerose, Queens. We believe that the best training is when all of our students have the opportunity see gas work demonstrated on real piping. Register for your 16 Hour Course with the MPC to ensure that you are receiving the highest quality, most authentic education. These training sessions will be provided on an as needed basis. The training sessions will take place at the Robert John Daly Memorial Training Center in Bellerose at an investment of \$375/student.

If you are interested in having your employees take the 16 Hour Limited Gas Work Qualification Course, please [click here](#) to complete the mandatory Limited Gas Work Qualification survey.

Once you have completed the survey, you will receive an email from 16hourcourse@nycmpc.org with course availability. Please be advised that classes will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

LOCAL LAW 152 UPDATES

Last week, we sent an updated FAQ to the DOB. They have informed us that they will take it under consideration. In the last update we informed members that the DOB had published FAQs. [Click here for Local Law 152 of 2016: Inspections of Exposed Gas Piping FAQs.](#)

As stated last week and repeated this week, the published FAQs section is **NOT** complete. We are receiving many questions about the possible differences between the DOT Task86/87 inspection requirements and the LL152 law and rules. The Gas Work Group (MPC, Plumbing Foundation, Local 1, NGA, Con Ed and National Grid) have met and determined the following:

Irrespective of any DOB law or rules if you received DOT/OQ training through the MPC:

1. To be qualified to conduct a LL152 inspection, you must be active in the GOQ program.
2. The inspection **must** be conducted as per the training program procedures.
3. Persons who do not follow the specific inspection requirements of the program may be removed from active status.

What does this mean? It simply means that all inspections must meet the minimum standards set forth in the training program. Some examples are the use of the wand extended to 6" above the pipe



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when conducting a leak survey. Outdoor piping need not be leak surveyed. If you come upon a tenant space and there is a gas service point of entry within, you need access to the space or you cannot do the inspection.

To see the FAQ list that the MPC sent back to the DOB [click here](#)

MPC members whose employees are DOT/OQ qualified must follow the guidelines listed in the updated FAQ.

Please make sure you are familiar with the information that is already available. We published the AOC list. The process of completing and submitting the forms is clearly written in the [Service Notice](#). After reading the Service Notice if you still have a question, contact us at LL152@nycmpc.org. Do you have any other examples and possible suggestions? We want to hear from you. Please send them to us.

Mayor de Blasio Signs Bill to Expand Paid Safe and Sick Leave

On September 28, Mayor de Blasio [signed](#) Intro 2032-2020, which amends the NYC Paid Safe and Sick Leave, into law. The law expands paid safe and sick leave to employees of small businesses with four or fewer employees and a net income of more than \$1 million, as well as to employees at businesses with 100 or more employees with up to 56 hours of paid sick leave. It also brings domestic workers in line with other private sector workers by allowing them to accrue and use leave the same as other private sector workers. For information about the law, read [Update about Workplace Laws During COVID-19](#) which provides an overview of local, state and federal sick leave laws. Learn more at nyc.gov/workers.

[Revised Information from Previous Updates:](#)

LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE (Updated 10-03-20)

MPC Licensing Committee Comments:

As you have already read in this update, it has been a rough week for this Committee. It's been about two months since the first expirations, so we would like to share what we learned. To ensure your license is renewed on time, you need to follow two simple steps:

- 1- Submit your application 60 days ahead of your expiration date.
- 2- Submit a fully completed application consisting of all the required documents.

If it is so simple, why are there so many problems?

What we are finding is that most people don't follow those two suggestions. By this point, there is no excuse for not submitting your application within the timeframe. If you don't, chances are good



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(unless you have a perfect application) that you will expire. While we will try to help you to expedite a renewal, you must understand that the DOB will not be sympathetic.

We are also finding that members are submitting incomplete or inaccurate applications. Some are not completing the LIC-2 form correctly and some are not submitting accurate insurance certificates. It is incumbent upon you, the licensee, to ensure that your application is complete, and the information is accurate. Many of you are leaving the submission up to your administrative assistants. If you do that, you must make sure that person has a clear understanding of how the application should be properly completed. Failure on your part to do so may result in the expiration of your license, which means you cannot do any plumbing work or pull permits and once you get reinstated, you must take the time to renew all of your permits.

To keep your license active, you must submit a **complete** application no later than **60** days before your expiration date. An application is not complete unless you have checked all of the boxes and the information provided is accurate. It is your responsibility to make sure that all forms are completed accurately.

THINGS YOU SHOULD DO TO GET RENEWED IN TIME:

- 1- Have your completed application ready to go 75 days ahead of your expiration.
- 2- Do you have a question about a form or what is required? **Contact the Licensing Unit at:**
NYC Department of Buildings - Licensing & Exams Unit
280 Broadway, 1st Floor, New York, NY 10007
Hotline Number: (212) 393-2259 | **Email:** Licensingdob@buildings.nyc.gov
- 3- Submit your application **no later** than 60 days ahead of your expiration.
- 4- If you are not renewed 30 days ahead of your expiration contact the Licensing Unit.
- 5- If your application is reviewed and rejected, immediately make the corrections, and resubmit it.
- 6- If you do not receive a response, contact the MPC Licensing Committee at licensing@nycmpc.org.

Any time you are required to make a correction you must submit an **ENTIRE COMPLETE** revised application package. Failure to do so may result in your license expiring.



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