

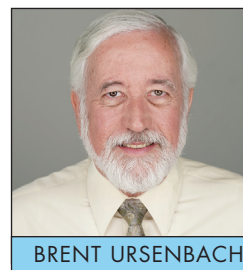
MECHANICAL CODE DISCUSSION

LP Gas Licensing & Certification: Recent Questions and Timely Discussion

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FOLLOWING THE RMGA EDUCATION SUMMIT, I was approached with several inquiries regarding licensing for liquid petroleum (LP) gas. This subject is relatively new for many in our industry, and it has generated considerable interest and concern.

The increasing number of residential developments in rural areas makes the conversation around LP gas licensing particularly relevant right now. As communities expand beyond urban centers, understanding the requirements and processes for LP gas certification and licensing has become essential.



**Department of Public Safety
Utah State Fire Marshal's Office**

The following is a summary of information found on the Fire Marshal's Office website:

<https://firemarshal.utah.gov/licensing-and-certification/liquified-petroleum-gas/>

Licenses Required

- *Class I: A licensed dealer who is engaged in the business of installing gas appliances or systems for the use of LPG and who sells, fills, refills, delivers, or is permitted to deliver any LPG.*
- *Class II: A business engaged in the sale, transportation, and exchange of cylinders, but not transporting or transferring gas in liquid.*

■ *Class III: A business not engaged in the sale of LPG but engaged in the sale and installation of gas appliances, or LPG systems.*

■ *Class IV: Those businesses listed below:*

- *Sale of containers greater than 96 pounds water capacity.*
- *Other LPG businesses not listed above.*

An application for the original or renewal license shall be made on forms provided by the SFM. The application for a license to engage in the business of LPG shall be accompanied by proof of public liability insurance. The public liability insurance shall be issued by a public liability insurance carrier showing coverage of at least \$1,000,000 for each incident, and \$2,000,000 in total coverage.

Certificate of Registration

Application for an LPG certificate shall be made in writing to The Utah State Fire Marshal. The application shall be signed by the applicant.

The applicant shall pass an initial examination with a score of 70 percent or greater.

Types of Initial Examinations:

- *Carburetion*
- *Dispenser*
- *LP Gas Basic Filling Procedures for Exam*

■ *HVAC/Plumber*

■ *Recreational Vehicle Service*

■ *Serviceman*

■ *Transportation and Delivery*

The initial examination shall include an open book written test of the applicant's knowledge of the work to be performed. The applicant is allowed to use the adopted statute, administrative rules, NFPA 54, and NFPA 58. Other materials and cell phones are not to be used during the examination.

The initial examination shall be waived for:

- *Those applicants that have successfully completed the requirements of the Certified Employee Training Program (CETP), as written by the National Propane Gas Association, and that corresponds to the work to be performed by the applicant.*
 - *Those applicants that have successfully completed the requirements in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 49, Parts 172.700, 172.704, 177.800 and 177.816, that corresponds to the work to be performed by the applicant.*
 - *Those applicants that have successfully completed the Rocky Mountain Gas Association, Natural Gas Technician Certification Exam*
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with a passing score, shall have the requirement for initial examination waived after appropriate documentation is provided to the Division by the applicant.

- *Those applicants who are licensed journeyman plumbers as required in the Construction Trades Licensing Act Plumber Licensing Rules, R156-55c, shall have the requirement for initial examination waived after appropriate documentation is provided to the Division by the applicant.*

Original LPG certificates shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Thereafter, each LPG certificate shall be renewed annually, and renewals shall be valid for one year from issuance.

If you have an RMGA Gas Technician certification or are a Licensed Plumber, the exam is waived—just follow the application



instructions on the Fire Marshalls website.

Some members suggested the RMGA sponsor an LP gas class to benefit the industry; I'll bring this up at the next Board meeting.

Thank you for being part of our association. Have a great holiday season.

Please reach out with your comments or questions. Thank you—Brent ■

Mark your calendar ~ February 2 Sweetheart Social Mammoth Hockey!

On Monday, Feb. 2nd, RMGA members will celebrate the Sweetheart Social watching the Mammoth hockey club clobber Canada's Canucks. Puck drops at 7:30 p.m. at the Delta Center. Attendees will be dropped off via Lyft/Uber or personal vehicle after a light dinner party at John Hill and RMGA's office (153 S 900 E, 84102) beginning at 5:30 p.m.

