

GASFITTER

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Term of apprenticeship: **Gasfitter B:** 3,600 hours; **Gasfitter A:** (Gasfitter B, plus an additional 1,800 hours after acquiring a Gasfitter B certificate of qualification (at least 450 of these hours must be obtained on systems with an input rate greater than 400,000 Btu/h).
2. Hours needed to challenge exam as a trade qualifier: **Gas Fitter B:** 5,400 hours; **Gas Fitter A:** (Gasfitter B, plus 2,700 hour).
3. I hold a Nova Scotia Gasfitter B or A (or the former Gas Fitter I, II or III) Certificate of Qualification. Do I need to obtain a gas technician license?

Yes! You must apply for and obtain a gas technician license if you wish to work in the gas trade in Nova Scotia.

4. I hold a gas technician license. Can I perform regulated work with liquid propane?

No! Licensed gas technicians are NOT eligible to perform regulated work with liquid propane unless they have a liquid propane endorsement.

5. How do I obtain a gas technician license and/or a liquid propane endorsement?

1. Pay fee;
2. Provide proof of your identity;
3. Indicate the class of gas technician license for which you are applying;
4. Provide proof of NS Gasfitter Certificate of Qualification or equivalent;
5. Provide information about training, experience & qualifications;
6. Indicate if you are applying for a liquid propane (LP) endorsement. If yes:
 - a. Provide proof of NS Gasfitter B or A (or former Gas Fitter I or II only) Certificate of Qualification or equivalent;
 - i. If Gasfitter B, provide proof of successful completion of the apprenticeship liquid propane training (module 25) or other equivalent training (please see note above regarding the former Technical Safety Division exam).
 - ii. If Red Seal Gasfitter A, no proof of training is necessary, as the training to obtain a Gasfitter A Red Seal includes the liquid propane training.

Please note: The exam formerly administered by the Technical Safety Division is no longer required in order for an individual to receive their liquid propane endorsement. This was a past requirement.

6. What does a G-4 gas operator license allow me to do?

The G-4 operator license is restricted to repairing, servicing and maintaining industrial in-house gas-fired appliances and equipment at the location designated on the certificate. It does not include installation or any change to the installed system.

7. How do I obtain a G-4 gas operator license?

Submit a completed **application form** to challenge the Class G-4 Industrial Maintenance Technician examination, with all of the following to the address noted on the form:

1. Payment of fee;
2. Proof of applicant's identity;
3. The class of gas technician license sought - Class G-4;
4. Technical training information. All of the following training is required:
 - a. Proof of a Nova Scotia Certificate of Qualification or equivalent in a skilled trade.
 - b. Proof of training in CSA Gas Fitter Training Modules 1 to 6, 8 to 13, 15, 22, 26 and 29 to 31.
 - c. Proof of site-specific manufacturer-provided training on the equipment in the plant.

Notes: This certification is ONLY available for those working at sites designated by the Technical Safety division. Eligibility to challenge the exam is limited to designated industrial sites. If your application is approved, a G-4 exam will be scheduled by the Technical Safety division and administered by the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency. The cost of this exam is included in the application fee.

8. What does a G-7 gas operator license allow me to do?

The G-7 operator license is restricted to installing uncharged gas piping systems of any size from the outlet of the meter or second stage regulator to the last shut-off valve, before the appliance.

9. How do I obtain a G-7 gas operator license?

Submit a completed **application form** to challenge the Class G-7 Gas Pipefitter examination, with all of the following to the address noted on the form:

1. Payment of fee;
2. Proof of applicant's identity;
3. The class of gas technician license sought - Class G-7;
4. Information on training, experience and qualifications. The following training is recognized:
 - a. Proof of Nova Scotia Certificate of Qualification and Certificate of Apprenticeship [from 2005 or later](#) (or equivalent) as a Steamfitter/Pipefitter or Plumber;
 - b. Proof of training in:
 - i. CSA Gas Fitter training modules 3, 4, 8, 10 and 15, or;
 - ii. Plumber apprenticeship courses PLGA 1843 Gas Piping 1 - Low Pressure and PLGA 1841 Gas Piping 2 - High Pressure (contain the CSA Gas Fitter training modules above), or;
 - iii. Steamfitter/Pipefitter apprenticeship courses STMA-1853 Gas Piping 1- Low Pressure and STMA-1854 Gas Piping 2- High Pressure (contain the CSA Gas Fitter training modules above).

Note: If your application is approved, a G-7 examination will be scheduled by the Technical Safety division and administered by the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency. The cost of this examination is included in the application fee.

10. I have a current Gasfitter (gas technician) certification from another province. Will my certification be recognized in Nova Scotia?

If you hold a recognized trade credential (certificate of qualification, etc.) issued by another Canadian province or territory in the Gasfitter trade, with or without the Red Seal endorsement affixed, and you wish to work in Nova Scotia, you must obtain a license. To apply for a license, refer to question 11.

In addition to the Red Seal, the following provincial trade credentials are recognized in Nova Scotia:

Equivalent to Nova Scotia Gasfitter (Gas Technician) Class		
Certificate Issued In	I	II
Alberta	Gasfitter (A)	Gasfitter (B)
British Columbia	Gasfitter (Class A)	Domestic/Commercial Gasfitter
Manitoba	Gasfitter	Domestic Gasfitter
Northwest Territories	Gasfitter (A)	Gasfitter (B)
Quebec	Monteur/monteuse d'installations au gaz (Gasfitter)	N/A
Yukon	Gasfitter (First Class)	Gasfitter (Second Class)
There may also be other jurisdiction licenses/certificates that we accept under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.		

11. Who can I contact for more information on obtaining a gas technician license, obtaining a liquid propane endorsement, obtaining a G-4 gas operator license or obtaining a G-7 gas operator license?

For more information, review the Fuel Safety Regulations at:
www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/tsfuel.htm

or contact:

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