

IMPORTANT FACTS

- Gas fitter's law was signed into law by Governor Lynch on May 31, 2006.
- It went into effect on January 1, 2007.
- Administrative rules were approved by JLCAR and adopted by Commissioner Barthelmes on July 19, 2007
- Penalty phase of law goes into effect on July 19, 2008.
- Existing technician window open for two years from January 1, 2007 to January 1, 2009.
- Licenses are incremental in nature and only one license is required to be carried.
- Licensees will receive a wallet card and wall certificate.
- Licenses will expire on the last day of the month no less than two years from issuance.
- Licensees will be notified by mail for pending renewals.

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GAS FITTER'S

LICENSING LAW



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ARE YOU READY?

**THE N.H. DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY
ANNOUNCES THE
OPENING OF THE CURTAIN
FOR OFFICIAL LICENSING
OF ALL GAS FITTERS DURING THE
BEGINNING OF OCTOBER 2007**

BE READY!!

DON'T BE LEFT BEHIND!!!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO OUR
WEBSITE AT:**

[http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafet
y/building/mechanical/gasfitters/index.html](http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/firesafet
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Three different application routes are available to become licensed.

TRAINEE ROUTE: This is for those technicians that do not have the required number of hours for either the normal application route or the existing technician route and also do not have the required educational component. This is for those technicians that are learning the trade. They will be required to work under the direct supervision of a licensed person.

NORMAL APPLICATION ROUTE: This is for those persons who have attended and successfully passed an approved training course on gas fitting. The amount of training will vary depending on the provider and the level of license applied for. This is the most common route to obtain a license.

EXISTING TECHNICIAN ROUTE: This is for those technicians who can demonstrate a minimum of 8000 hours of experience obtained prior to January 1, 2007 and some educational training. This application method will only be available until January 1, 2009, when it goes away for good. In lieu of the fact that the educational component is not as strict as the normal application route, the number of hours of experience was increased to compensate for the difference. The training required for this application route does not have to be delivered by an approved provider. It does not have to be an approved curriculum. In-house training and manufacturer based training is applicable.

There are six different license types in this program. They are incremental in nature.

GPI – GAS PIPING INSTALLER: This is the entry level license and allows the holder only to do gas piping. It does not permit the holder to install equipment. It requires 1000 hours of field experience and 48 hours of education by an approved curriculum.

**EIP – EQUIP INSTALLER – PROPANE
EIN – EQUIP INSTALLER - NATURAL**
This level is the second level of licensure and includes all the privileges of the GPI license. It is for those persons planning on installing any propane (EIP) or natural (EIN) fired equipment. It requires 72 hours of educational training by an approved curriculum and 2000 hours of relevant field experience.

**STP – SERVICE TECH – PROPANE
STN – SERVICE TECH – NATURAL** This is the top level of licensure and includes both levels (GPI & EIP/EIN) below it. This is for those individuals who not only install piping and equipment but perform service and repair on the equipment as well. It requires 5000 hours of field experience and 96 hours of educational training by an approved curriculum.

HST – HEARTH SYSTEM TECH This is for those individuals that only want to work on hearth systems. It allows the holder to install gas piping for hearth systems, install hearth system equipment and to perform service on hearth system equipment. It requires 48 hours of educational training and 2000 hours of field experience.