



THE PLUMBING ACADEMY, INC.

GAS-FITTING TIER-PROGRAM STRUCTURE
On-line, E-learning Lessons

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The Plumbing Academy, Inc. is approved to provide Board of the Examiners of Plumbers and Gas-fitters-BOE, Tier-Program education via the guidelines known as 248 CMR-(Code of Massachusetts Regulation), Section 11.00: Education and Experience Standards and Requirements for Licensure:

“Gas-fitting”-apprentices who seek to become licensed as journeyman gas-fitters are required to complete 5,100-hours of on-the-job practical hands-on training and complete 330-hours of code, math and other related academic education.

[Note: Plumbing apprentices who seek to become licensed as journeyman plumbers please see the plumbing Tier requirements.]

Tier-1	Any individual exploring the prospect of gas-fitting apprenticeship can enter into Tier-1 of schooling with TPA and can begin the learning process regardless of whether he/she is employed by a Master gas-fitter.
110-hours	
Tier-2	<p><u>Prior</u> to entering Tier-2 of schooling the apprentice shall have satisfactorily completed Tier-1 classes and must be employed by a Master gas-fitter as listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Master gas-fitter and apprentice are required, and shall work together to complete the BOE registration and apprentice licensing process, and 2. This shall be completed in compliance with Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 142, Section 3A and 248 CMR Section 3.03 (2), (a) and (b).
110-hours	
(Education hours can be completed in same calendar year as Tier-1 schooling)	
Tier-3	<p><u>Prior</u> to entering Tier-3 schooling the apprentice shall have satisfactorily completed Tier-2 classes and must be employed by a Master gas-fitter.</p>
110-hours	
(A licensed apprentice is permitted to complete 165 education hours-1.5-tiers annually).	
Apprenticeship Notes:	
Apprenticeship to a Journeyman	<p>So, are you a licensed gas-fitter at the end of your apprenticeship? Not quite! At the end of the academic program and completion of practical work time, apprentices must pass a State licensing exam to become a journeyman-level gas-fitter, and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You are limited to six-attempts to pass a State journeyman licensing exam.
10-Year Limitation	<p>A licensed apprentice must <u>pass</u> a journeyman gas-fitters licensing examination before such time that 10-calendar years of time has lapsed since the initial apprentice license was issued, and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The average apprentice completes this requirement within 6 to 7 years however, that completion is predicated upon continued employment, and 2. Failure to meet the 10-year time limit shall require the apprentice to appear before the BOE or forfeit the apprentice license.
Journeyman to a Master	<p>Journeyman gas-fitters are eligible to site for a Master gas-fitters examination after completing one-full-year as a licensed Journeyman gas-fitter, and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In some limited cases there may be additional schooling involved.

