



Nevada Board of Plumbing Examiners
Plumbing Apprentice, Journeyman
and Master Certification

Candidate Information Bulletin

General Qualifications for All Testing

Applicants shall submit the following documents with their application and must be qualified as mandated by Clark County and the City of Reno:

- Affidavit of Experience
- Official Application
- Applicable Fees (see application)
- Valid Photo Identification
- Test fee \$125.00 (*There must be a minimum of 8 applicants for the written exam only for this price. Otherwise, the test fee is \$250). No personal checks accepted. Online fee \$125 (Contact NITC for approved NITC testing locations).

Specific Qualifications for Journeyman Plumber

All applicants must have four (4) years in a state registered, accredited apprenticeship or 8,000 hours of substantiated experience in the plumbing trade.

Specific Qualifications for Master Plumber

No person shall submit an application for the Nevada masters test without showing proof of holding a current NBOPE certificate and in good standing as a Nevada journeyman plumber for a period of One (1) year or 2,000 hours. Submit all of the above to:

NBOPE c/o NITC
501 Shatto Place, Suite 201
Los Angeles, CA 90020
(877) 457-6482

Computer-Based Testing Information

Computer-based testing at PSI centers is available for individuals who do not choose to attend the examination scheduled by their training agency at the conclusion of the course. There are more than 340 test center network sites throughout the United States where the certification examination or re-certification examination can be taken on a date, time, and place that is convenient for the candidate. The content of a computer-based multiple-choice examination is identical to that of the pencil and paper multiple-choice examination.

To locate a PSI TESTING center, go to

<https://candidate.psiexams.com/testdate/testdate.jsp> or go to www.nationalitc.com. An email address must be included on this form. Login information for scheduling the examination date and time will be provided via email from Tetrac/PSI Registration. **Registration Form will not be processed until payment has been received.**

For any examination scheduled a PSI testing center, cancellation and rescheduling must be made at least 48 hours prior to the assigned time or date or a \$80.00 rescheduling fee will be assessed

Description of the Journeyman & Master Plumber Test:

A 50 question and answer multiple choice, open book exam will then be administered. There will be general questions from all chapters, illustrations, tables, charts and drawings. The time limit for this section is two (2) hours. The proctor will allow you a short break at the completion of the open book exam. Applicants will be given a 100 question and answer, multiple choice, closed book examination. There will be general questions from all chapters, illustrations on DWV sizing, gas pipe sizing, storm drainage and water pipe sizing. The time limit for this section is two (2) hours. After completing the test, the applicant must leave the testing facility and will not be permitted back in for any reason. The test will be on the current adopted edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). Successful applicants shall score a minimum of 75%. Successful applicants will be issued a color-coded picture identification card and certificate. Journeyman plumbers are required to carry his/her card during his/her work hours.

Misconduct: Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. If it is determined that you are cheating during the exam process, you will be required to immediately surrender the testing materials and leave the testing facility. Your score will be recorded as zero percent and your test fee will not be refunded. Further, you will be ineligible to test for one year.

The Testing Day:

All applicants shall bring with them the following items:

1. The 2018 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code
2. Admission Letter and a valid photo ID

It is suggested that you bring a hand held pencil sharpener, eraser, and a silent, battery-operated, non-printing, non-programmable calculator. (A non-programmable calculator that does NOT have a full alphabetical keyboard). **All other electronic devices are prohibited.** (Examples: cell phones & palm pilots)

Note: Materials will not be available at the testing site. No handbooks, computers, notebooks, audio/visual devices, recorders, plumbing illustrated books, notes, drawings or papers of any kind will be allowed in the testing facility. Friends, relatives and children will not be permitted in the testing facility. Please do not bring drinks or food. Smoking will not be permitted in the testing facility. Applicants will not be permitted to leave the testing facility until their exam is completed or test materials have been returned to the proctor.

Scoring:

Each test will be scored individually. Your score will be based on the number of questions you answered correctly. You will not be given credit for any answers not marked, left blank, or marked with more than one answer on the answer sheet. For the written exam, your score will be mailed to you within 30 working days after the examination date. All scores are mailed simultaneously. To ensure confidentiality, examination scores will not be given over the telephone. For the computer based exams, the results are given as soon as you finish taking the exam. Cards and certificates are mailed about a week later. If you pass the examination, you will receive your certification card in approximately 30 days. If you do not pass the examination, you will receive information with your test results about retaking the exam.

Challenging Exam Questions or Answers

All questions, answers, and illustrations have been certified by a panel of plumbing professionals as to their correctness and accuracy to the 2018 UPC. Each question has only one correct answer. You are to select the best correct answer among the four possible answers. If you believe a question or answer to be incorrect or you believe it is not in the 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code, we invite you to submit a Question and Answer Challenge. All challenges of questions or answers shall be submitted to the proctor before you Leave the testing facility on the Question and Answer Challenge Form. All challenges will be submitted to the NBOPE and you will receive a written response within thirty days.

Content Areas:

The Journeyman Plumber Examination is based on the following content areas. Next to each subject heading is shown the approximate percentage of questions in the exam for that subject area.

- 1. Installation Standards, Administration, Definitions & General Regulations 20%
- 2. Fixtures and Fixture Fittings, Water Heaters, Indirect Wastes, and Traps & Interceptors 17.33%
- 3. Sanitary Drainage, Vents, & Storm Drainage Related Drawings 39.33%
- 4. Water Supply & Related Drawings 10.67%
- 5. Fuel Gas & Related Drawings 12.67%

The Master Plumber Examination is based on the following content areas. Next to each subject heading is shown the approximate percentage of questions in the exam for that subject area.

- 1. Installation Standards, Administration, Definitions & General Regulations 14%
- 2. Fixtures and Fixture Fittings, Water Heaters, Indirect Wastes, and Traps & Interceptors 24.67%
- 3. Sanitary Drainage, Vents, & Storm Drainage Related Drawings 34.67%
- 4. Water Supply & Related Drawings 18.67%
- 5. Fuel Gas & Related Drawings 8%

References:

The primary reference source will be the current adopted edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code published by the International Association of Plumbing Officials (IAPMO). You may purchase a copy of the UPC by calling IAPMO at (800) 85-IAPMO, or you may order on-line at www.iapmo.org.

For the Local 525 Exam Schedule: (702) 459-3473 or email jatc@local525.org.

For the ABC Exam Schedule: Call Dale Lowery (775) 358-2378 or email dale.lowery@ddplumbing.com.

For the PHCC-NV Exam Schedule: Call (702) 252-0166 or email officemanager@phccnv.com.

For the Local 350 Exam Schedule: Call Randy Canale (775) 359-2229 or email rc350jatc@live.com.

City of Reno Exams: Call NITC to sign up for the online exam at (877) 457-6482 or email nbopecerts@nationalitc.com.