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## **Gas fitter work that does not require a license**

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Code or NFPA 58 applies to the storage, handling, transportation, and use of LP-Gas. Presently there is no licensing requirement for this type of work; however, NFPA 58 does mandate that persons whose primary duties fall within the scope of the code be properly trained. The code further requires that those qualified personnel have refresher training every three years and that the training be documented.

The propane gas industry has a series of courses offered to standardize and maintain proficiency in this field. The Certified Employee Training Program or CTEP is a nationally recognized education program. These and similar courses should be used as the minimum certification for the liquefied propane work as defined in NFPA 58. Technicians shall obtain the knowledge necessary to become compliant with the LP Gas practices and standards as required by NFPA 58, Section 4.4.

Some of the functions which are exempt from the current fuel gas fitting licensing requirement are all of the LP Gas delivery system prior to the second stage regulator. Some examples of these functions are;

- 1) Propane delivery from a bobtail truck to the LP Gas container.
- 2) Propane filling station operations to small portable containers.
- 3) A regulator leak check as performed with a customer "Run Out".
- 4) Relighting an appliance after the tank fill and leak check.
- 5) Fuel transfer operations from the bulk storage system to a delivery truck.
- 6) Tank or cylinder installation including appurtenances, primary stage fuel gas regulators and piping to the second stage regulator.
- 7) Maintenance, testing, replacement and storage of cylinders and tanks.

The State Fire Marshal reminds everyone the exemption from the licensing requirement does not relieve the technician, or delivery driver, from completing documented industry standard training to perform work according to NFPA 58.