

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be qualified to perform a covered task?

Individuals who are not qualified may perform covered tasks under the direction and direct observation of a qualified individual with the exception of joining plastic, welding, and hot tapping tasks.

When will I know the results of my evaluation?

Results will be known and provided on the day of the evaluation.

Who maintains the records?

NGA will maintain the test results for all evaluations it conducts. Records will be stored on your OQ record keeping system, Qualifier.

It is the responsibility of the individual and/or contractor to ensure that all covered task qualifications are current.

Can I get a hardcopy of my Records?

Yes.

Contact Laurie Healey at NGA
781-455-6800 x105 or
email lhealey@northeastgas.org

Contact Information



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If you have questions or would like to schedule an evaluation,

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Northeast Gas Association

Operator
Qualification



Evaluation
Program

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Background

The Department of Transportation's Operator Qualification (OQ) regulation 49 CFR 192 Subpart N, requires operators to develop and maintain a qualification program for individuals performing covered tasks. The intent of the operator qualification rule is to minimize human error by establishing a verifiable, and qualified workforce.

Covered Tasks

Northeast Gas Association (NGA) Operator Qualification Written Plan includes 84 covered tasks. For a complete list of tasks contact NGA.

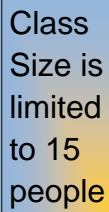
Evaluation Interval

The evaluation interval varies by task. Intervals are either 1, 3, or 5 year re-evaluations, unless otherwise mandated by state or federal regulations.

Evaluation Methods

Evaluation methods vary by covered task and may include one or more of the following:

- Written examination
- Oral Examination
- Hands-on Simulation



Class
Size is
limited
to 15
people

Location

Evaluations will be conducted at a distribution company or the contractor's facility. Arrangements can be made to conduct the evaluations at an external facility, i.e. hotel.

Evaluators

Each instructor brings to this program many years of field and/or training experience in the natural gas utility industry and have been qualified to instruct and evaluate by the Northeast Gas Association.

Scheduling

To schedule an evaluation, please contact Cutina Wright at NGA:
Telephone: 781-455-6800 ext. 118
Email: cwright@northeastgas.org

Cancellations

Cancellations made within three working days of the scheduled evaluation session, and "no shows", will be charged the full amount.

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Costs

\$12.00 / Evaluation Test, per person
(NGA Member)

\$18.00 / Evaluation Test, per person
(NGA Associate Member)

\$30.00 / Evaluation Test, per person
(NGA Non-Member)

There is a minimum charge of \$950 per day for training/evaluation conducted in the New England, New Jersey and New York areas; and a minimum charge of \$1,500 per day (plus travel costs) for locations outside of these states.

NGA reserves the right to cancel an evaluation session due to limited participation.

Payments are due within 30 days of invoicing.

Checks are payable to:
Northeast
Gas
Association.

