

NORTHEAST GAS ASSOCIATION OPERATOR QUALIFICATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Background: The Department of Transportation's Operator Qualifications (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 OQ rule is to minimize human error by establishing a verifiable and qualified workforce.

Covered Task: Northeast Gas Association's (NGA) OQ Written Plan includes 85 cover tasks. Each covered task requires a knowledge and or skill evaluation. For a complete list of tasks and an evaluation method visit NGA's website (www.northeastgas.org).

Classroom and Field Training

NGA conducts classroom and hands-on training sessions using GTI's Natural Gas Field Skills Training Program curriculum. For a list of available courses visit NGA's website;

www.northeastgas.org/training.php

Training Cost

NGA Members:

- Day 1 \$325 Per Person
- Day 2+ \$145 Per Person

Non-members:

- Day 1 \$595 Per Person
- Day 2+ \$250 Per Person

Class Size

Minimum class size is 10 students per day and a maximum of 15.

Location

Conducted at a utility, contractor or other designated facility.

Class Hours

Eight hours per day maximum.

Online Training Courses

NGA offers online covered task training modules. The modules were developed to supplement the classroom and field training courses. For more information or access to the system:

Email: oq@northeastgas.org



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Operator Qualification Knowledge and Skill Evaluations

Proctors and Evaluators

Two proctors are required for all knowledge evaluations. At least one proctor must be a NGA proctor. The utility may supply the second proctor. A NGA evaluator is required to evaluate contractors for all skill evaluations.

Class Size

- Knowledge Evaluations: 15 people per 2 proctors at any one time.
- Skill Evaluations: Performed 1 on 1 with no class limit.

Location

- Conducted at a utility, contractor or other designated facility.
- Please contact your evaluator for any special requirements.

Class Hours

Classes are 8 hours per day which includes all paperwork and data entry.

Cancellations

Cancellations made within 3 business days of the scheduled session will be charged the minimum class fee.

Scheduling

Contact NGA at:

oq@northeastgas.org



Operator Qualification Knowledge and Skill Evaluation Cost

Skill Evaluations

- Members: \$950 per class.
- Non-member: \$1,500 per class.

Online Evaluations

- Member: \$450 per proctor.
- Non-member: \$650 per proctor.

Weekend Evaluations

- Additional \$125 per class.

Annual Database Fee

Database fee includes unlimited online training courses and access to proctored evaluations.

- LDC:

- * \$32 per person/year with greater than 1,000 OQ qualified employees.
- * \$37 per person/year with 500 to 1,000 OQ qualified employees.
- * \$43 per person/year with less than 500 OQ qualified employees.

- Contractor: \$50 per person/year
- Non-member: \$125 per person/year.

Which Covered Tasks Do I Need?

NGA's utility members have identified the minimum covered tasks needed by job type. The required covered tasks are determined by your utility company.

Questions?

Email your questions to:

oq@northeastgas.org