**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](http://www.northeastgas.org)).

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**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](http://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:
[www.northeastgas.org](http://www.northeastgas.org)

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**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:
[www.northeastgas.org](http://www.northeastgas.org)