

61G4-15.031 Medical Gas Certification.

- (1) Licensed plumbing contractors, as described in Section 489.1136(1)(a), F.S., engaged in, or who wish to engage in, the business of medical gas systems pursuant to Section 489.1136, F.S., shall take and complete a thirty-two (32) hour course on medical gas systems. Such course shall be Board approved and shall consist of both classroom and practical work designed to teach familiarity with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Standard 99C ("Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems"), latest edition, as adopted by the Florida State Fire Marshal, and the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) Series 6000 ("Professional Qualifications Standards for Medical Gas Systems Installers, Inspectors and Verifiers"), latest edition, to augment those issues addressed by the NFPA Standard 99C relative to medical gas systems and designed to teach the subject matter required by Section 489.1136(1)(a), F.S.
- (2) The Board shall approve only those courses submitted by an instructional entity, which is incremental and incidental to the plumbing industry, and which teaches familiarity with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Standard 99C ("Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems"), latest edition, as adopted by the Florida State Fire Marshal, and the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) Series 6000 ("Professional Qualifications Standards for Medical Gas Systems Installers, Inspectors and Verifiers"), latest edition, to augment those issues addressed by the NFPA Standard 99C relative to medical gas systems.
- (3) Any instructional entity providing a Board approved medical gas course shall issue a certificate of completion of such course(s) to the student who has successfully completed each Board approved course. Such certificate(s) shall be available for inspection by any entity or person seeking to have the contractor engage in the business of installation, improvement, repair or maintenance of a medical gas system.
- (4) (a) Any natural person employed by a licensed plumbing contractor to provide work on medical gas systems as specified in Section 489.1136(1)(b), F.S., shall take and complete a thirty-two (32) hour course on medical gas systems. Such course shall be Board approved and shall consist of both classroom and practical work designed to teach familiarity with the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) Standard 99C ("Standard on Gas and Vacuum Systems"), latest edition, as adopted by the Florida State Fire Marshal, and the American Society of Sanitary Engineers (ASSE) Series 6000, ("Professional Qualifications Standards for Medical Gas Systems Installers, Inspectors and Verifiers"), latest edition, to augment those issues addressed by the NFPA Standard 99C relative to medical gas systems, and designed to teach familiarity and practicable ability as provided in Section 489.1136(1)(b), F.S. Such course shall also include the administration of a practical examination as set forth in Section 489.1136(1)(b), F.S. (b) Any other natural person who wishes to perform only brazing duties incidental to medical gas systems as specified in Section 489.1136(1)(c), F.S., shall pass an examination approved by the Board. Such examination shall be designed pursuant to the requirements of Section 489.1136(1)(c), F.S., including testing for knowledge of NFPA Standard 99C and ASSE Series 6000, and including a practical examination based on the standards set forth in American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section IX or on the American Welding Society (AWS) - B2.2, as approved by NFPA Standard 99C, and shall be approved by the Board upon request by the examination sponsor and review by the Board to determine that the examination is properly designed.
- (5) Instructional entities seeking provider status from the Board in order to provide courses in medical gas systems training shall be entities incremental and incidental to the plumbing industry and shall demonstrate to the Board their qualifications to provide such courses, including classroom and practical work on medical gas systems in compliance with Section 489.1136, F.S., and all sections of this rule. Such instructional entities seeking provider status shall make application to the Board using Form DBPR/CILB/057, as provided in Chapter 61G4-12.006, Florida Administrative Code.
- (6) The training required under this section for current licensees must be completed by October 1, 2000.
- (7) It is the responsibility of the licensed plumbing contractor to be sure that any members of his or her workforce required to be qualified under Section 489.1136, F.S., are in compliance with that law. Such a contractor is subject to discipline under Section 489.129, F.S., for any violation of this law pursuant to Section 489.1136(1)(d), F.S.
- (8) It is the responsibility of the licensed plumbing contractor to be sure that on any job site where a medical gas system is being installed, improved, repaired or maintained that a person certified pursuant to Section 489.1136(1)(a) or (1)(b), F.S., is present. It is the responsibility of the licensed plumbing contractor to be sure that on any medical gas system job site where brazing work is being performed by a person certified under Section 489.1136(1)(c), F.S., that a person certified under Section 489.1136(1)(a) or (1)(b), F.S., is present.

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