

Local Regulation of the HVAC/R Industry

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Kennewick <i>(Chapter 15.36 of the Municipal Code, enacted in 1968)</i>	Installation and maintenance of gas and fuel appliances	Gas Installation License	Passage of a written competency examination on the Kennewick Gas Code.	Not addressed	Not addressed
Pullman <i>(Chapter 2.25 of the City Code, enacted in 1986)</i>	Gasfitting or gas appliance installation	Gasfitters License	Notarized documentation of six months experience working under the direct supervision of a licensed gasfitter; and Completion of the Inland HVAC Association gasfitter course.*	Not addressed	A gasfitter license may be issued to any person who holds a valid license from any other governmental agency with licensing requirements that are substantially equal.
Seattle Gas Piping <i>(Chapter 6.430 of the Municipal Code, enacted in 2006)</i>	Installation, alteration, extension, or repair of gas piping	Gas Piping Mechanic License	Passage of a written examination on the Seattle Mechanical Code and the proper use of gas piping materials and ways to join them. In addition to the examination, applicants must also have either (1) twelve months experience as a gas piping mechanic or work under the supervision of a licensed mechanic; <u>or</u> (2) six months experience as a gas piping mechanic or work under the supervision of licensed mechanic, and completion of an approved gas piping mechanic class.	Property owners doing gas piping work on residential property owned by them and comprised of no more than four dwelling units if the owner will occupy one of the units as his or her principal residence.	The Health Department recognizes gas piping mechanics licensed by other jurisdictions in Washington with equivalent licensing requirements.

* Further course information can be found at: http://www.inwhvac.org/class_descriptions.htm.

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<p>Seattle Refrigeration</p> <p><i>(Chapter 6.410 of the Municipal Code, enacted in 2006)</i></p>	<p><i>Refrigeration Operating Engineer License:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintenance and operation of refrigeration or air conditioning systems within buildings that are under control of the owner/operator. ✓ Issued to individuals. <p><i>Journey Refrigeration Mechanic License:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Actual installation, repair, or alteration of refrigeration or air conditioning equipment. ✓ Three classes of licenses based on the type of refrigerant the licensee works with. ✓ Issued to individuals. <p><i>Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Contractors License:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Engaged in the business of installation, repair, or alteration of refrigeration or air conditioning equipment. This includes the planning, engineering, and supervision of these products. ✓ Three classes of licenses based on the type of refrigerant the licensee works with. ✓ Issued to individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, etc. 		<p><i>Refrigeration Operating Engineer License:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applicant must be a full-time employee of the owner/operator and spend a substantial portion of time in the maintenance and operation of refrigeration and air conditioning systems in buildings used for the manufacturing, processing, or storage of materials or products. ✓ Passage of an examination on the refrigeration regulations of the Seattle Mechanical Code. <p><i>Journey Refrigeration Mechanic License:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applicants must have either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3 years of experience as an apprentice to or as a Journeyman Refrigeration and/or Air Conditioning Mechanic; ▪ 2 years of training in a recognized school of technology plus 1 year of experience; or ▪ 2 years experience and graduation from a recognized trade school of refrigeration technology. ✓ Passage of an examination on the refrigeration regulations of the Seattle Mechanical Code. <p><i>Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Contractors License:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Passage of an examination by a designated officer or employee on the refrigeration regulations of the Seattle Mechanical Code. ✓ The designated officer or employee must have a journey refrigeration mechanic license. 	<p>Welders may weld on refrigeration installations and equipment when under the supervision of a licensed journeyman refrigeration mechanic.</p>	<p>The Department of Planning and Development establishes procedures for recognizing licenses issued by other jurisdictions.</p>

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Spokane <i>(Sec. 10.29.030 of the Municipal Code, enacted in 1980)</i>	Gas fitting on a gas system or gas appliance or any installation or service work respecting oil burners and oil burning equipment	<i>Gas Heating Mechanic licenses:</i> ✓ Apprentice Heating Mechanic ✓ Gas Heating Mechanic I ✓ Gas Heating Mechanic II – authorized to engage in industrial gas fitting work <i>Oil Burner Installer License</i>	Applicants for the Gas Heating Mechanic I and Gas Heating Mechanic 2 licenses must pass an examination. In addition to the examination, applicants for the Heating Mechanic II license must have either: (1) had a Heating Mechanic I license for at least 3 years, (2) taken the Industrial Gas Class offered by Inland HVAC Association; or (3) experience working on equipment over 400,000 BTU in another location.	Not addressed	Not addressed
Tacoma[†] <i>(Chapter 6B.120 of the Municipal Code, enacted in 2004)</i>	Installation, extension, alteration, or repair of any gas piping, venting fixture, or appliance	Gas Fitter and Appliance Installer Certificate	Familiarity with codes, ordinances, and regulations governing the installation of gas piping, venting, fixtures, or appliances; and Passage of a written and practical competency examination.	A person engaged exclusively in the laying of gas mains in public streets or alleys; and An owner of a single-family dwelling doing his or her own work in his or her own home.	Not addressed
Yakima <i>(Sec. 11.32.030 of the City Code, enacted in 2001)</i>	Installation or service of any heating or comfort-cooling appliance	Heating and/or Comfort Cooling Journeyman Certificate	Passage of a written examination on the City Mechanical Code.	Not addressed	Not addressed

[†] The City of Tacoma is not currently issuing new certificates.