



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: When is the next license renewal date?**

A: May 1, 2008

**Q: Do I need continuing education to renew in May 2008?**

A: No

**Q: When must I start taking continuing education classes?**

A: Licensed plumbers and gas fitters must start taking classes during 2008 beginning May 1st.

**Q: How many hours of continuing education do I need per year?**

A: Gas Fitters: 3 hours

Plumbers: 6 hours

**Q: How many PHCC of MA classes do I need to take in 2008?**

A: Gas Fitters: one 3 hour class (half day 8-11:30)

Plumbers: one 6 hour class (full day 8-3:30)

**Q: Plumbing Code Section 11 states that licensed plumbers must take 12 hours of continuing education. Why is PHCC of MA stating 6 hours?**

A: The state requires 12 hours of continuing education per RENEWAL CYCLE. A renewal cycle includes 2 years. Plumbers must take 6 hours each year to satisfy the state requirement.

**Q: Plumbing Code Section 11 states that licensed gas fitters must take 6 hours of continuing education. Why is PHCC of MA stating 3 hours?**

A: The state requires 6 hours of continuing education per renewal cycle. Each renewal cycle includes 2 years. To satisfy the state requirement gas fitters must take 3 hours each year.

**Q: How do I know if I am registering for the same class twice?**

A: Every year class topics will change. Class curriculum offered this year may not be available in 2009. PHCC of MA will have a unique name for the class each year. If you take a class with another provider you must make sure that you are not attending a duplicate session.

**Q: Can I register for two classes and still satisfy my requirements?**

A: Licensed plumbers need 3 hours of gas fitting and 3 hours of plumbing per year. If you have taken a 3 hour class with another provider, you must register for the class portion that you have not taken.

**Q: Does every provider offer the same curriculum?**

A: All providers must cover specific topics established by the Plumbing Board. It is up to the provider to develop a detailed plan on what they will cover and how they will present the material.

**Q: What are my requirements if I hold both a Journeyman & Master Plumbing License?**

A: You only need to complete 12 hours per renewal cycle. (6 hours per year).

**Q: What is the PHCC of MA discount?**

A: Members of PHCC of MA will receive a voucher entitling their company to one free class. In addition, the employees of PHCC of MA Members will receive a discount:

Full program (6 hour class) \$10 discount

Gas Fitter only (3 hour class) \$5 discount

Plumbing only (3 hour class) \$5 discount

**Q: How do I register several employees?**

A: Complete one registration form per employee.