

SUBARTICLE 5.
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS

71-8304. Liquefied Petroleum (LP) Gas.

(Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-82-70.)

71-8304.1. General.

A. The purpose of this regulation is to provide reasonable protection of the health, welfare, and safety of the public and LP Gas operators from the hazards associated with the handling, use, transportation, and storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas.

B. These regulations apply to:

1. LP Gas Dealers, Installers, Gas Plants, Wholesalers, Resellers, or Cylinder Exchange operators and;
2. Any person handling, dispensing, transporting, or storing LP Gas.

C. These regulations shall not apply to:

1. LP Gas pipeline transmission regulated by the SC Public Safety Commission.
2. Gas plants after the point where LP Gas or LP Gas and air mixture enters a utility distribution system.
3. Natural gas systems covered by the International Gas Code.

D. Definitions

1. "LP Gas" means Liquefied Petroleum Gas as defined in 40-82-20.

71-8304.2. Codes and Standards.

A. All references to NFPA standards found in these regulations refer to the editions adopted in SCRR 71-8300.2 and are modified by the following regulations as shown below.

71-8304.3. Licensing and Permitting Fees.

A. The Office of State Fire Marshal is responsible for all administrative activities of the licensing program. The State Fire Marshal shall employ and supervise personnel necessary to effectuate the provisions of this article and shall establish fees sufficient but not excessive to cover expenses, including direct and indirect costs to the State for the operation of this licensing program. Fees may be adjusted not more than once each two years, using the method set out in South Carolina Code 40-1-50(D).

B. Fees shall be established for the following:

1. Application

2. Testing
3. Permitting
4. Licensing
5. Inspection
6. Renewal

C. All fees are due at time of application for licenses, testing, permits, inspection, or renewal.

D. All fees paid to the Office of State Fire Marshal are nonrefundable.

71-8304.4. Licensing Requirements.

A. Licenses

1. Each company shall possess a license issued by the Office of State Fire Marshal.
2. Licenses shall be displayed in a conspicuous location at the place of business for the LP Gas Dealer, Installer, Gas Plant, Wholesaler, Reseller, or Cylinder Exchange operator.

B. Permits

1. Each site shall have a designated person that has a permit issued by the Office of State Fire Marshal to supervise people handling, dispensing, installing, transporting, repairing, or exchanging LP Gas.
2. Any applicant who fails the written examination is allowed one (1) re-test after a minimum seven (7) day waiting period. Any applicant who fails the re-test shall wait at least thirty (30) days before reapplying.
3. Permits shall bear the name, photograph, and any other identifying information deemed necessary by the Office of State Fire Marshal.
4. Permit holders shall have their permit in their possession when supervising the handling, dispensing, installing, manufacturing, transporting, repairing, or exchanging LP Gas.
5. Permit holders shall exhibit their permits on request of any AHJ.
6. Each permit is valid for a period of two (2) years and must be renewed before it expires.
7. Permits are not transferable.