

MWQA NEWS



MWQA Offering Virtual Class To Prepare for Water Conditioning License Exams

MWQA is offering a virtual prep class to assist anyone who plans to take the Water Conditioning state license exam. Matt Wirth, an industry expert with a history of presenting seminars for MWQA, will teach the virtual training session. Registration forms for the event, which is scheduled for May 5 at 8 a.m., will soon be sent out via regular mail and email, and be available on the MWQA website.

One of the best things you can do to successfully take the exam is to become familiar with the Minnesota Plumbing Code. Code books can be purchased two ways: through Amazon or directly from IAPMO. In addition, an online version is available for viewing only, not for download. You will be given a copy of the code to use during the exam, so it's best that you familiarize yourself with this book.

Below are links to purchase or view the Code book. Note the current Code being used is 2015; an update is not expected until later this year.

There are no significant changes to the Water Conditioning section of the revised Code. 2015 Code books are currently being shipped mid-April, so if you want a hard copy for the class, order the book ASAP (see below)

There are several steps you must take in order to register to take a state license exam.

1. Submit your application to the Department of Labor and Industry, along with all required paperwork and fee.
2. Make sure you have included the documented work experience and all information they request, or your application will be denied.
3. Once your application is approved by DOLI, you can schedule your exam online at one of several locations across the state.
4. You can take MWQA's prep class before applying or scheduling your exam.

All required information, including links, is provided in this newsletter. Feel free to contact the MWQA at info@mwqa.com if you have questions about the process.

How To Get Your 2015 Plumbing Code

[View the online version here.](#)

[Purchase the Code Book from IAPMO.](#)

[Purchase through Amazon \(available April 13\).](#)



Steps To Obtaining Your WC License

Exams cannot be scheduled through the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry until you submit the application and fee for your license and receive an application number back from them.

WC Journeyworker or Master Application and Instructions

(Select Water Conditioning, then Master or Journeyworker on the next page, then select all forms).

<https://secure.doli.state.mn.us/license/initialapp.aspx>

Application Forms for all licenses, including renewals:

<https://www.dli.mn.gov/workers/plumber/water-conditioning-contractor-license-renewal>

YOU MUST include the work experience form with your license application. It is a separate form. Follow the instructions at the links above.

Questions and more information

Contact DOLI at dli.license@state.mn.us. You may also call 651-284-5031 and leave a message and they will return your call within one business day.

(See Pg. 2 for Exam Schedules)

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State License Exam Schedules for 2021

St. Paul exams

Water conditioning and plumbing exams at DLI's St. Paul office have been moved due to construction. From April 6 - July 31, 2021, metro-area exams will be given at the Minnesota Dept of Education's Conference Center B in Roseville on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays except for weeks in which a state holiday falls (July 4). Exams are expected to resume in St. Paul in August 2021. Directions to the Roseville location are [available here](#).

New Ulm exams

- [New Ulm Conference Center](#) on March 17, 18 and 19, April 21, 22 and 23, May 5, 6 and 7, and June 9, 10 and 11, 2021.

Duluth exams

- [The Inn on Lake Superior in Duluth](#) on, March 29, 30 and 31, April 27, 28 and 29, May 13 and 14, and June 2 and 3, 2021.

Please note that not all exam types are available each day. You can view the dates available for your exam type after you begin the online scheduling process. Later exam dates will be announced on the DOLI website this summer.

MWQA Convention Is October 19-20

MWQA has decided to return to the Holiday Inn in Lakeville this fall for a two-day annual convention. Despite the success of last year's virtual event, we opted to schedule an in-person convention with the option to hold it virtually should circumstances change.

We missed seeing our vendors, and of course all of the members who take advantage of the educational opportunities we offer at our event.

We will have the usual seminars to offer licensed individuals credit needed to renew licenses before the end of the year, and will also host a vendor fair and other fun events. If you have suggestions for classes, speakers, or ideas for us to include in our event, contact MWQA! We welcome any input our members can give us to help make the event a success in 2021.

Exam scheduling

No walk-in customers or visitors at DOLI offices.

Labor and Industry is no longer allowing walk-in customers and visitors at office locations until further notice.

If you have already received a notice from DLI that you have been approved to sit for an exam, [you can schedule an exam online](#). You will need the application number provided in the approval notice you received and the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

If you need a copy of your application number, contact the Dept. of Labor and Industry at dli.license@state.mn.us with your full name and the specific exam you applied to take.

COVID-19 precautions and requirements

In order to be admitted to an exam site, examinees must bring with them a current government-issued identification card and a face mask.

To protect the health and safety of examinees and DLI staff, social distancing, hygiene and respiratory etiquette protocols will be enforced:

- Examinees must maintain a distance of six feet from each other and from DLI staff at all times, including the check-in process prior to exam sessions.
- Examinees are required to bring and wear face masks – examinees will not be admitted to the exam sites without a face mask.
- Examinees must also undergo health screening at check-in.
- Health screening consists of a series of questions relating to the examinee's possible exposure to COVID-19 and current health status.
- Examinees who refuse to undergo screening or respond positively to health screening questions will not be allowed to test and will need to reschedule at no additional cost.
- All surfaces and exam materials will be sanitized following each exam session.
- Hand sanitizer will be available, and examinees are encouraged to wash their hands before entering the exam sites and after leaving the exam rooms for any reason.