

The Worshipful Company of Plumbers



The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering



The City and Guilds of London Institute

Livery Companies Skills Council

Master Plumber Certificate Application Form

Recognising Excellence in the Art, Craft, Science and Practice of Plumbing

1) Introduction

Founded in 1906, The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering (CIPHE) is the plumbing and heating industry's professional body with around 11,000 members and an active overseas membership.

Registered educational charity status ensures that the Institute has as its principal aim the improvement of plumbing standards for the benefit of the community as a whole. To this end, its members are qualified and experienced. A Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme encourages members to keep up-to-date with the latest in plumbing and heating technology and legislation.

As part of its service to the public, the Institute has a website, www.ciphe.org.uk which gives information about the Institute, its aims and activities.

Ultimately, the Institute's strength lies in its members who voluntarily undertake to perform with competence and commitment whilst at work. Membership of the CIPHE confers status within the industry while indicating a willingness to support high standards in plumbing and heating as an important contribution to public health and safety.

2) The Master Plumber Certificate

The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering recognises the need for a certificate to mark the expertise of many members who have attained a level of excellence in their chosen profession that may rightly be described as mastery of the art, craft, science and practice of plumbing. One essential requirement is that those who successfully apply for the Master Plumber Certificate shall be enrolled on the Register of Plumbers inaugurated by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers in July 1886 and maintained by the CIPHE since January 1970.

In addition, the applicant must provide evidence of achieving a satisfactory level of technical knowledge in vocational education and hold City and Guilds Licentiateship. A further requirement is that the applicant must be registered as either an Engineering Technician, Incorporated or Chartered Engineer with the Engineering Council. A panel formed from representatives of the CIPHE and the Worshipful Company of Plumbers will assess all applications.

Following submission of all relevant documents, including independent references, successful applicants will receive a Master Plumber Certificate carrying the signatures of the President of the CIPHE, Master of The Worshipful Company of Plumbers and Chairman of the City & Guilds of London Institute.

3) Who can apply?

Any Member (MCIPHE) or Fellow (FCIPHE) of the Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering can apply for the Master Plumber Certificate, provided the criteria listed below has been attained and clearly demonstrated. Adequate experience in plumbing is an essential part of the award. In addition, successful candidates must submit evidence of CPD when providing their Curriculum Vitae.

4) Requirements to satisfy conditions for the Master Plumber Certificate

In order to apply for the Master Plumber Certificate the following minimum requirements must be met and necessary evidence provided to support the application:-

- (a) the Master Plumber Certificate shall be valid while that person remains a member of The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering;
- (b) be qualified to City and Guilds Advanced Craft level / S/NVQ Level 3 or equivalent and be accepted for City and Guilds Licentiateship;
- (c) be registered as either an Engineering Technician, Incorporated or Chartered Engineer with the Engineering Council;
- (d) while in membership of the CIPHE the holder of the Master Plumber Certificate is obliged to conform to its Code of Professional Standards;

- (e) photocopies of academic or other certificates must be submitted as evidence of qualifications;
- (f) the applicant has been engaged in the industry for at least 10 years;
- (g) two nominated referees must sign the application. These should be people who know the applicant professionally e.g. manager, client, teacher;
- (h) satisfy the panel of assessors;
- (i) submissions must include a cheque payable to the CIPHE for £95. This is a one-off payment to cover administration.
- 5) We would like to process your Master Plumber Certificate application as effectively and efficiently as possible. You should therefore study carefully these requirements to ensure eligibility. To help us do this please complete each section below as fully as you can providing all the information. Please include copies of certificates as proof of any qualifications claimed. Your application cannot proceed without this information.

Surname (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)First name(s).....

Address	
Postcode	Date of birth
Telephone (home)	Mobile
Email	Fax
CIPHE membership number	
6) Curriculum Vitae Provide full details of your career progression including further education achievements and aspects of your CPD. Attach additional A4 pages covering any of the questions as necessary. Review achievements in your working life and briefly describe the main highlights. This might include training awards and qualifications, fulfilment of individual objectives and accomplishments within your business or employment.	

7) Briefly state why you wish to be considered for this Certificate.
8) Describe any special skills you have and how they are used effectively.
N. Have you trained or helped to train others in any aspect of the plumbing industry?
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10) Identify the personal contribution you have made to the advancement of plumbing, or of plumbing activity at Institute Branch or National level and what support you might offer in the future.
11) Referees
Signature Print name
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Please return your completed submission together with certificates and supporting information to: The Membership Secretary, The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering, 64 Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6NB. If you have any queries please ring the Membership Secretary on 01708 463108 or email membership@ciphe.org.uk.
All applications must be accompanied by a payment of £95 payable to the CIPHE