



The Worshipful
Company of Plumbers



The Chartered Institute of
Plumbing & Heating Engineering



The City and Guilds
of London Institute

Livery Companies Skills Council

Apprentice 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 Apprentice Plumber Certificate

The Livery Companies Skills Council (LCSC) and the CIPHE recognised the need for a Certificate to mark the commitment of Affiliate and Associate (ACIPHE) members who have attained S/NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in their chosen profession as a step towards mastery of the art, craft, science and practice of plumbing.

Following submission of all relevant documents, including independent references, successful applicants will receive an Apprentice 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.



Plumbing student with tutor at Great Yarmouth College

3) Who can apply?

Any Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering Affiliate or Associate (ACIPHE) who meets the criteria listed in (4) and intends to pursue career development to the Journeyman Plumber Certificate and in due course to the Master Plumber Certificate.

4) Requirements to satisfy conditions for the Apprentice Plumber Certificate

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

- (a) be qualified to S/NVQ Level 2 or equivalent;
- (b) be enrolled on a S/NVQ Level 3 Plumbing Course or equivalent;
- (c) be an Affiliate or Associate Member of the CIPHE;
- (d) recognise that while in membership of the CIPHE, the holder of an Apprentice Plumber Certificate is obliged to conform to the Institute's Code of Professional Standards;
- (e) photocopies of academic or other certificates must be submitted as evidence of qualifications;
- (f) there shall be no significant complaints on the applicant's Institute record;
- (g) the applicant shall provide evidence of employment in a formal Apprenticeship or written, verified statements of workplace experience as required for the award of Level 2 in Plumbing;
- (h) the applicant shall have been engaged in the plumbing industry for a minimum of three years;
- (i) the Apprentice Plumber Certificate is valid while the holder remains in membership of The Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering;
- (j) two nominated referees must sign the application. They should be people who know the applicant professionally, e.g. manager, teacher, etc;
- (k) the completed application must satisfy the panel of assessors;
- (l) submissions must include a cheque for £10, payable to CIPHE. This is a one-off payment as a contribution towards administration.

5) We would like to process your Apprentice Plumber Certificate application as effectively and efficiently as possible. To help us do this, please complete each section, providing the relevant information.



Contestants at the HIP! UK Apprentice of the Year 2010 competition

