

SUBARTICLE 5**LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS****71-8304. LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM (LP) GAS.**

(Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section [23-9-20](#), [23-9-40](#), [23-9-60](#), [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 *LP-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 *IFGC*.

71-8304.2. Codes and Standards.

- A.** All references to codes and standards found in these regulations refer to the editions adopted in R.71-8300.2 and are modified by the following regulations as shown below.
- B.** The building code shall define occupancy classifications referenced in these regulations.

71-8304.3. Licensing and Permitting Fees.

- A.** The *OSFM* is responsible for all administrative activities of the licensing program. The *SFM* 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 S.C. Code Ann. Section [40-1-50\(D\)](#), 1976, as amended.
- 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 *OSFM* are nonrefundable.

71-8304.4. Licensing Requirements.

A. Licenses

1. Each company shall possess a license issued by the *OSFM*.
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 *OSFM* 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 *OSFM*.
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.

71-8304.5. Plan Submittal Requirements. Licensees which are required to obtain a site approval per S.C. Code Ann. Section [40-82-220](#), 1976, as amended, shall comply with the plan submittal requirements of *NFPA* 58, where applicable.