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NITC participates with WPC in support of 2016-2019 Objectives and beyond

National Inspection Testing & Certification (NITC) is a Full Member Organization partner of the World Plumbing Council. As a third-party test administrator, NITC supports the WPC's objective to create a global network by offering individuals in the international plumbing community, at all levels of participation and interest, a recognized measure of knowledge, skills, and ability through third-party assessment.

NITC's maintains a commitment to advance education and training in plumbing industries by offering high quality examinations for individuals. We certify installers, inspectors, instructors, and verifiers throughout the plumbing industry ensuring a qualified and accredited form of skill assessment is achieved and maintained.

In support of better design and governance of plumbing, NITC works with Subject Matter Experts, who perform a well-defined Job Task Analysis, based on industry qualifications and code. This process allows NITC to develop an examination blueprint, offering a higher quality of product and service with a commitment to ensure properly trained individuals, working with properly trained instructors, enter the industry. Our plumbing certifications are recognized by the US Department of Labor.

As part of the IWSH program, a charitable arm of the IAPMO Group, NITC participates in national and international projects, helping to improve water and sanitation for communities in need and contributing to the growth and development of the global plumbing industry.

How NITC participates with WPC in suppport of the 4 Pillars

Participation: the training requirements to work in the industry

Not only does NITC participate in making certain only properly trained individuals enter and continue work within the industry, NITC relies upon guidance and tools provided by the American National Standards Institute to ensure our products and services consistently meet customer's requirements, and quality is continually reviewed and improved upon.

NITC maintains an ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System registration. This essential variable ensures that an independent third-party formally declares our certification programs are developed, maintained, administered and managed in a way that facilitates:

- Exam Maintenance with periodic review of exam and item performance.
- **Quality Management** through a Quality Manual to ensure compliance with all policy and procedures related to certification.
- Certification Maintenance through recertification to established industry criteria.

NITC collaborates with the United Association, PIPE, ASSE, ASME, NFPA, ASHRAE, ASHE, and WORKCRED, implementing strategies that foster participation regarding training within the plumbing industry.

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Practices: standards and accountability in day-to-day work in the industry

NITC works in partnership with numerous established Code and Standard groups, such as IAPMO, through scientific research, debate, analysis and political awareness. ASME Section IX standards, recognized worldwide, serve as the basis for all NITC Brazer performance qualifications tests. NITC staff participates in Working Groups for standards development in the plumbing and piping industry, helping to ensure that current practices protect the quality and safety of day-to-day life. NITC, as a company, is committed to social responsibility throughout the world. Populations worldwide deserve the right to have safe drinking water and humane sanitary conditions.

Products: features and quality of the materials, fittings and appliances used in plumbing work

NITC supports Product Listing Programs. Listed and certified products are tested by qualified laboratories to strict performance requirements for product standards and certified in a manner that is impartial, balanced, informed, and rigorous. After decades of advocating for standardized plumbing practices and years of certifying products, the Listed Product Seals are proudly displayed on thousands of devices and assemblies throughout North America and referenced in the major U.S. model codes.

Protection: measures to minimize risks and provide redress when failures occur.

NITC operates by Rules and Procedures minimizing risk and providing redress for our product consumers. This offers examinees, within the plumbing industry, a swift, fair and impartial process by which to challenge and appeal any NITC exam item or procedure. This practice ensures exam integrity and quality and helps eliminate risk by certifying only qualified individuals' practice in the world plumbing community.

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