

NFI Exam Review Course Instructors

As training and education have become a benchmark and accepted standard for the hearth industry, the need for training resources has increased. One source of training that continues as a tradition and effective practice is instructors from within the industry who are willing to share the knowledge and expertise. In recognition of past contributions and future potential of this dedicated group, the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Education Foundation has launched the Available Instructor Program. The program will provide a directory of instructors with information about their training experience level for industry organizations. For all industry instructors, from experienced veterans to novices eager to join their ranks, the program will provide exclusive opportunities to acquire and to strengthen training skills.

The NFI Exam Review Courses are designed to help students who have already read and studied their reference manuals. No one can teach all the material in a six hour class. Review instructors, who must be certified in the specialty taught, are provided with a PowerPoint presentation for the course. If you would like to participate in this program, we invite you to complete the attached application. (You can choose in the application whether you want to be included in the Directory or not.) Based on your application, you will be categorized in one of the three categories of Available Instructors:

Apprentice Hearth Instructor

- NFI Certified in the fuel they want to teach
- Minimum of 3 years experience in the hearth industry
- Desire to teach the Review Class and develop training skills
- Eligible for mentor support and ongoing training skills development programs
- Receives student feedback

Provisional Hearth Instructor

- Meets the requirements of the Apprentice Instructor
- Must have either:
 - Prior teaching experience (not necessarily in the hearth industry)
 - Has served as an assistant to an Experienced Instructor

Experienced Hearth Instructor

- Meets the requirements of the Provisional Instructor
- Has taught at least 6 review classes
 - Or has taught 3 review classes AND 3 other industry training classes

After you have completed the application, please scan it and send via e-mail or fax it to our office at (703) 522-0548. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (703) 524-8030 ext 129 or vlahos@hpba.org.

Thank you,

Rick Vlahos
Executive Director
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Education Foundation

Available Instructor Application

(Please print clearly)

Name _____ NFI ID # _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Fax _____

E-mail address: _____

Current NFI Certifications: ☐ Wood ☐ Gas ☐ Pellet

Total number of active years in the hearth industry _____

Hearth industry teaching experience

Number of years as a hearth industry instructor _____

Number of NFI Exam Review Classes taught: _____ Wood _____ Gas _____ Pellet

Number of *other* industry training classes taught. _____

What other types of hearth industry classes have you previously taught? Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Service/Technical | <input type="checkbox"/> General Info |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate Annual Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> HPB Expo | <input type="checkbox"/> In-house Training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other-(please specify) _____ | | |

Teaching experience outside the hearth industry

If you have any teaching experience outside the hearth industry:

How many non-industry classes have you taught? _____

Please give a short description of the type of classes: _____

Do you want the information on this application to be made available to organizations seeking NFI Exam Review Course Available Instructors?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signed _____ Date _____