

THE VOICE OF NEW JERSEY MASTER HEARTH SPECIALISTS

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In the very near future, You will not be able to engage in Hearth Professional Work Unless Licensed as a NJ “Master Hearth Specialist”

What is a NJ Licensed, "Master Hearth Specialist" ?

“Licensed Master Hearth Specialist” means a person who holds a current, valid license to engage in “Hearth Professional Work” pursuant to the provisions of the MHS bill.

What is "Hearth Professional Work" ?

“Hearth Professional Work” means the installation, replacement, connection, venting, inspection, repair, maintenance, or servicing of:

- Hearth Product Appliances
- Barbecue Appliances
- Outdoor Patio Appliances
- Decorative Space Heater Appliances

Hearth Professional Work Includes:

“Hearth Professional Work” shall include the installation, inspection, repair, or servicing of:

- Vent & Vent Connectors
- Masonry Chimneys
- Metal & Factory Built Chimneys & Vent Systems
- Natural or Manufactured Gas Piping on the load side of the meter.

Who does the law affect?

The MHS Bill affects everyone who installs, replaces, connects inspects, repairs, maintains or services Hearth Products and/or Chimney and Vent Systems in the State of New Jersey.

The MHS bill provides that no person is permitted to work as a MASTER HEARTH SPECIALIST or use the title or designation of “licensed MASTER HEARTH SPECIALIST” or “MASTER HEARTH SPECIALIST” unless licensed pursuant to the provisions of the MHS bill. Furthermore, no provision of the bill is to be construed to prevent any person LICENSED by the State, from acting within the scope of practice of the respective profession or occupation, but no person may advertise, display or use the designation “licensed MASTER HEARTH SPECIALIST” unless licensed as a MASTER HEARTH SPECIALIST under the provisions of the bill.

For More Information visit mahpba.org or
Contact: MAHPBA Executive Director
Jonathan Williams - Phone: (804) 643-4433 Ext: 6

"MHS" - Licenseing Qualifications:

Every person desiring to apply for a master hearth specialist license who shall meet the qualifications as set forth herein, shall deliver to the MHS Committee/board, personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, a certified check or money order payable to the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey in the required amount, together with the written application required by the board, completed as described in the application, and together with proof of qualification as described herein.

- b. the person shall be a citizen or legal resident of the U.S.
- c. the person shall possess a Valid Certification as a Master Hearth Professional, issued by the National Fireplace Institute (NFI)
- d. The person shall have been engaged or employed in hearth professional work for a period of five years preceding the date of the person's application for licensure.
- e. Proof of compliance with the qualifications shall be submitted to the board in writing, sworn to by the applicant and the written proof shall be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant.

To Obtain MHP Status you need to be certified in Three (3) Hearth Product Categories Plus the Core.

- NFI Core
- NFI Wood Burning Specialist
- NFI Pellet Specialist
- NFI Gas Specialist

NFI Specialist that have earned all three fuel specific certifications are recognized as "Master Hearth Professionals" (MHP)

Licensed Required to work as a "Hearth Specialist"

A person shall not work as a master hearth specialist or use the title or designation of “licensed master hearth specialist” or “master hearth specialist” unless issued a license pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

The "Master Hearth Specialist" Application is Available Online

What to include with your Master Hearth Specialist Application

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- 1. The person shall be 21 or more years of age.**
Deliver to the committee -
Copy of Driver's License, Birth Certificate or US Passport.
- 2. The person shall be a citizen or legal resident of the United States.** Deliver to the committee -
Copy of Birth Certificate or US Passport
- 3. The person shall possess a valid certification as a Master Hearth Professional, issued by the National Fireplace Institute, or an equivalent authority approved by the board.**
Deliver to the committee -
Copy of your NFI - MHP Identification Card or Certificate
- 4. The person shall have been engaged or employed in hearth professional work for a period of five years preceding the date of the person's application for license.**
Deliver to the committee -
Copy of previous (5) years of W2s
- 5. Proof of compliance with the qualifications shall be:**
submitted to the board in writing, sworn to by the applicant, and the written proof shall be accompanied by two recent photographs of the applicant.

Links to Applications:

[Application - Licensed Master Hearth Specialist](#)

[Registration - Bona Fide Representative](#)



Have a Voice: Join Mid-Atlantic HPBA



The **Mid-Atlantic Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association**, an affiliate of the HPBA, is *your* advocate for the industry. By joining, you get members-only discounts, industry training, government advocacy, networking opportunities and a whole lot of exposure for yourself, your staff and your business!

Exclusive Member Benefits

DISCOUNTS

MAHPBA members enjoy numerous benefits, including exclusive discounts on NFI and MAHPBA annual meeting registrations, membership as a retailer within HPBA, five free entry tickets to the annual Expo, and increased purchasing power using the Savings4Members program!

CREDIBILITY

Raise your reputation through MAHPBA membership to show consumers you're supporting your industry and improving your business.

LEARNING

Get a competitive edge with exclusive training opportunities on a variety of hot topics from NFI, Business, Sales, Safety & More!

NETWORKING

It's not just who you know, but who others know. Networking is powerful! Our industry events are great for meeting people and expanding your reach.

A VOICE

Have a say in what happens in government through MAHPBA's Government Affairs advocacy efforts.



To learn more visit mahpba.org or call Jonathan Williams at (804) 643-4433 Ext: 6



MAHPBA Membership Application

When your company joins MAHPBA, it receives two memberships in one: MAHPBA and HPBA. Enjoy all the benefits which accompany both trade associations! Sign up & pay online today at mahpba.org.

Membership Categories

Retailer

\$499
/yr

Any entity engaged in the sale of hearth, patio, and/or barbecue-related products to consumers.

Associate Retailer

\$299
/ea/yr

#____ Locations

Current **Retailer** members wishing to add additional store location(s) at this reduced membership rate per location. Each location will be listed in the member directories and receive all correspondence from both MAHPBA & HPBA.

Service

\$499
/yr

Chimney sweeps, installers, maintenance and companies engaged in providing mechanical services **ONLY** (no product sales -- See **Retailers**) relating to hearth, patio and/or barbecue industry.

Distributor

\$1199
/yr

Any entity engaged in the wholesale distribution of goods relating to the hearth, patio and/or barbecue industry to dealers or contractors.

Associate

\$499
/yr

Any entity having a commercial interest in the hearth, patio and/or barbecue industry, including (but not limited to) gas utilities, publications, testing labs, insurance agencies, financial institutions, business systems providers, advertising agencies, public relations firms, etc.

Independent Rep

\$499
/yr

Any entity engaged in providing independent sales representation for manufacturers of hearth, patio and/or barbecue-related products.

Dual

\$299
/yr

Any entity having a commercial interest in the hearth, patio and/or barbecue industry in the Mid-Atlantic region, who is a current member of their respective HPBA affiliate.

Pay your dues online at mahpba.org!

Company Information

Company Name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Company Email	
Company Phone	
Fax	
Website	
Primary Contact	
Primary Contact Title	
Primary Contact Email	
Cell Phone	
Preferred Method of Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Fax <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Mail

Please Read & Sign Agreement Below

CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP AND AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY THE BYLAWS, DUES AND MEMBERSHIP POLICIES OF THE HPBA

As a result of paying annual membership dues to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA) and/or any association affiliated with HPBA, I certify that we have selected the appropriate membership category, have paid the appropriate level of annual dues for this company and, upon request, will provide verification of sales and/or a notarized letter attesting to membership classification and dues category for this company.

This company agrees to fully abide by all HPBA membership policies and practices including, but not limited to, all HPBA policies and practices regarding exhibiting at, participating in, and attending the annual HPBA Expo.

Signature _____ Date _____

To pay dues by check, please attach a check made out to **MAHPBA** and mail to the address below.

