

Reviewed and Approved by LP Gas Board on September 22, 2010

The Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board Act, S.C. Code 40-82-5 et seq., sets standards for the licensure of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LP Gas) dealers. One of the statutory requirements is that the applicant must give satisfactory evidence of “principals or employees who have passed examinations required under this chapter. . . .” §40-82-220(A)(3).

Because this requirement is linked to the requirement that “the site” must also be approved, the Board and the Office of the State Fire Marshal have consistently interpreted the statute to require a dealer’s license for each site at which liquefied petroleum gas is manufactured, distributed, sold or stored, unless the site is covered by another statutory provision. Examples of sites which are covered under other provisions are cylinder exchange and reseller locations.

The statute does not state what is satisfactory evidence or how many principals or employees are required for licensure. The Board has determined that the purpose of the requirement is to assure the public that employees who install, manufacture, distribute, sell, store, or transport LP Gas under the authority of a dealer’s license are properly supervised. To this end, the Board has determined that each dealer office from which such individuals are dispatched or otherwise supervised must name at least one principal or employee at that site who has passed the appropriate examinations and who has supervisory authority over the safety practices of those employees who handle LP Gas from that site and its associated bulk plants.