SELLING PLUMBING PRODUCTS IN THE U.S. OR CANADA?
ALL YOU NEED IS NSF INTERNATIONAL

A common myth in the plumbing industry is that you need certification to plumbing codes to sell products in the United States and Canada.

In fact, what you need is certification to the product standards required in these codes, and NSF International can provide a streamlined process for all required testing and certification.

PLUMBING CODES

States, provinces/territories, cities and counties establish plumbing codes that regulate the standards that products must meet, as well as the installation of products.
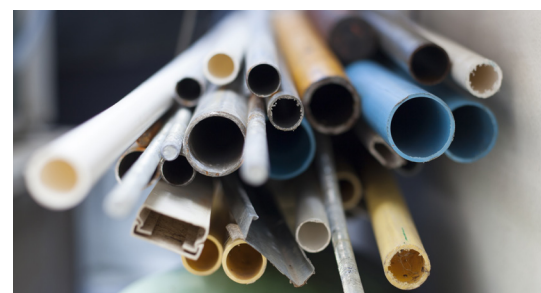
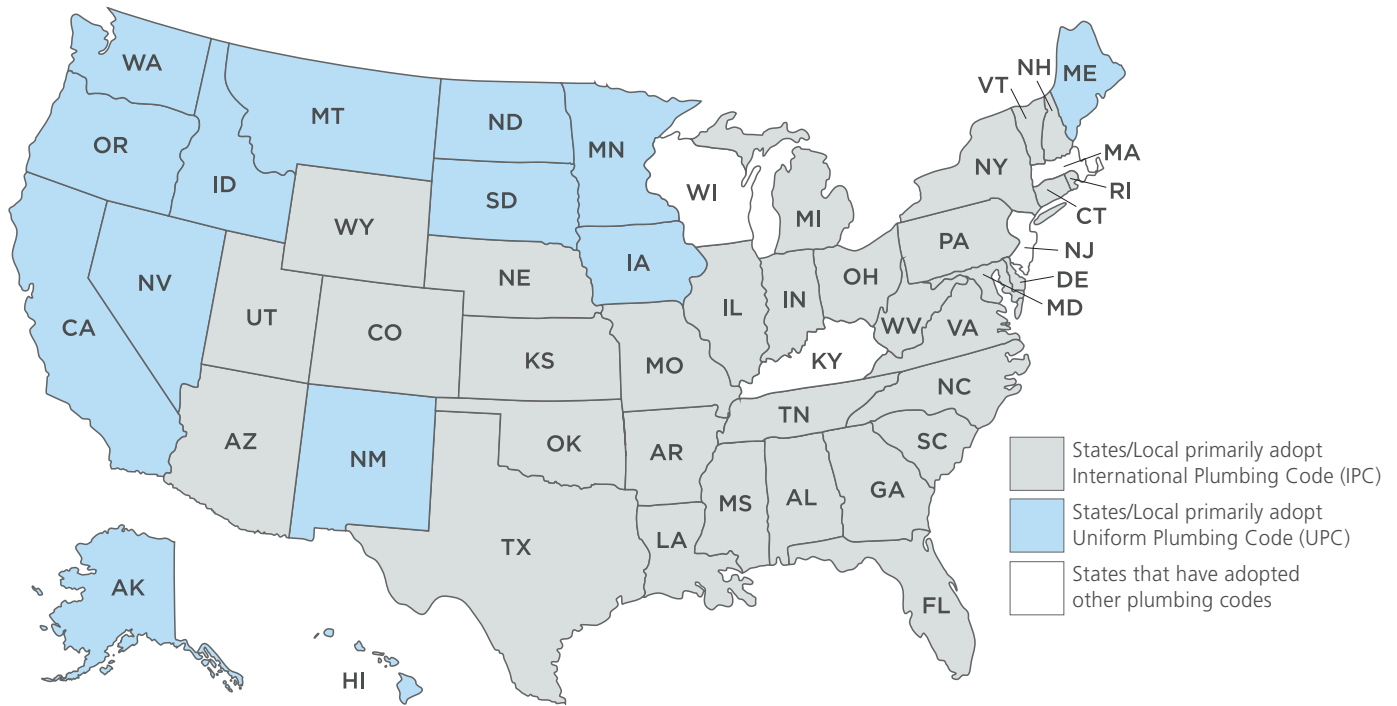Most U.S. states and cities adopt one of these major model plumbing codes:

> International Plumbing Code (IPC)

> Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)

> National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC)

Canada has one plumbing code, the National Plumbing Code of Canada (NPC).

Accepted everywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

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Legend:
- States/Local primarily adopt International Plumbing Code (IPC)
- States/Local primarily adopt Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)
- States that have adopted other plumbing codes

IPC

The International Plumbing Code (IPC) is published by the International Code Council (ICC) and has been adopted in 32 U.S. states.

UPC

The Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) is published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) and has been adopted in 14 U.S. states.

NSPC

The National Standard Plumbing Code (NSPC) is published by the Plumbing Heating and Cooling Contractors Association (PHCC) and has been adopted in one U.S. state (New Jersey).

Other U.S. States

Three states have their own plumbing codes not based on any particular model plumbing code, or based on selections from various model codes.

PRODUCT STANDARDS

All of the U.S. and Canadian plumbing codes refer to specific standards for products and most of these are the same across the U.S. and Canada.

Examples of standards required by the plumbing codes for faucets and other water supply fittings are:

> NSF/ANSI 61

> NSF/ANSI 372

> ASME A112.18.1/CSA B125.1

To meet all the plumbing codes and laws in the USA for faucets, you need to be certified to the above standards. You do not need to be "certified to a code." All you need is NSF.

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