

New Hampshire Division of Weights & Measures



NH Certification Stamp Frequently Asked Questions

What is a NH certification stamp? (see above)

It is a stamp that is placed on a *commercially used* device. The stamp indicates that a weighing or measuring device is legal for use and has been tested & left in a proper working condition at the time of inspection. The month of certification is represented by the month being punched out (i.e. showing the month of testing).

Which devices are required to have a certification stamp?

Devices used *commercially* for *direct sale* weighing & measuring transactions including, but not limited to: scales found at the cash register, deli, candy store, jewelry store, pawn shop, farm stand, and vehicle scales as well as gas pumps, vehicle tank meters (home heating fuel), and LPG meters (propane), etc. Additionally, non-commercial devices may be certified and licensed annually at the owner's request as long as the device is a legal-for-trade device.

How long is a certification stamp valid?

Devices are required to be certified annually. This means devices are required to have a **current year stamp or previous year stamp**. This certification process does *not* excuse the device owner from maintaining the device in proper working condition between re-certifications. See RSA 438, Agr 1405 and Agr 1407.

How often is a certification stamp affixed to a device?

Annually. Repairs and calibrations between annual re-certifications do not require re-issuance of a certification stamp.

Who certifies commercial devices and affixes certification stamps?

Private service technicians licensed by the NH Division of Weights & Measures are authorized to test and certify commercial devices. Device owners choose the service company. For a list of service companies go to: www.agriculture.nh.gov. Device owners are responsible for initiating the certification process each year.

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