



**NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING SYSTEM -
NOLS**

NATIONAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PROPOSALS – WA CONSULTATION

GASFITTING

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Introduction

- NOLS Scope
- Administration
- Current GF covered by NOLS
- RIS proposals
- RIS feedback



NOLS

- NOLS –not apply if occupation not currently licensed in a State or Territory.
- The first wave of NOLS is planned to commence in September 2013 in WA.
- NOLS relates to ***licensing only*** and **does not cover technical compliance.**



Legislation

- General regulations will cover:
 - Fees
 - Appeals/reviews
 - Offences
 - Eligibility
- **Specific occupation regulations will apply to each specific occupation and cover:**
 - Qualifications to obtain the licence.
 - Scope of work or what is covered by the licence type.



Administration & RTOs

- Qualification for NOLS licence to be based on National Competency training packages.
- Training delivered by Registered Training Organisations.
- Each State will continue to issue licences.
- Fees will be set by each State or Territory.
- To be licensed in State of Residence.



Gas fitting in WA

- **NOLS will not** cover all GF work in WA.
- NOLS to cover our current:
 - **Class G and**
 - **Some areas of our Class I (Industrial) GF**



Gas fitting in WA

NOLS will not cover


- **Class E Gas Fitter**
- **Class P Gas Fitter and**
- **Some areas of our Class I (Industrial)**
- **Authorisations**
- **Apprentices – not licensed under NOLS**



Class I Gas fitting covered by NOLS

Type B Scope

Type B gas appliance

- Appliance more than 10MJ/hr & <5,000MJ/hr
- Water heater / space heater / vat or tank heater
- Dryer or oven not associated with volatile solvents or hazardous atmospheres
- Batch kiln with flame supervision & safeguards
- Cooking appliance / furnace / stationery engine
- **OR** 



Class I Gas fitting covered by NOLS

Type B Scope (continued)

- Gas Appliance more than 10MJ/hr and < 10,000MJ/hr
- Steam Boiler
- Thermal fluid heater
- **Does not include a mobile engine**
- **Does not cover Authorisations**



WA Gas Fitters

- Current licences not covered by NOLS to remain licensed by local jurisdiction.
- Unrestricted Class G GF will map directly across to a NOLS licence.
- Some Class I GFs will also map across to NOLS.
- Some up skilling may be required to meet the NOLS requirements.



Summary

- NOLS planned for WA September 2013.
- WA Class G & some Class I GF map to NOLS.
- Other currently licensed GF to remain locally licensed.
- NOLS does not cover technical compliance.
- Basic principle – *you can do tomorrow what you can do today.*



RIS Proposals

- NL cons. RIS – considers no. of proposals.
- Poses number of questions t/out RIS.
- Important you consider these proposals &
- Express opinion before final Decision RIS.



Three Tier Option

3 levels of licence

- Contractor
- Full licensee (Cert IV)
- Supervised licensee



Three Tier Option

2 Sub Options

- **Sub Option 1**

- Increase competency req for full licence.
- Additional Cert IV units required.
- IAC preferred option.



Three Tier Option

- **Sub Option 2**

- Competency requirements broadly in line with current req.
- Consistent across jurisdictions.
- Smaller no. of Cert IV units – full licence.



Two Tier Model

- Contractor Licence
- Full Licensee
 - Removes supervised licensee level.
 - Complete Cert III level qualification.
 - Conduct all regulated work for licence category
 - Certifying work as compliant.
 - Removes need for contractors to complete advanced business competencies.



Automatic Mutual Recognition

“Driver’s licence” model

- Current State/Territory licences recognised by another jurisdiction.
- No need apply for another licence **or**
- Pay additional licence fee.
- Achieves labour mobility with lower costs.
- Option not fully developed or costed.



RIS Feedback

RIS Feedback being sought on:

- Scope & scale of proposed changes.
- Impact on licensees & businesses.
- Durability of reforms.
- Merits of reform under different models.
- Impact on costs & safety outcomes.



Where to from here?

- WA Government wants to know your views on the proposals.
- If you have concerns, important that you state them now as WA Government will need to make a decision on its participation in NOLS.
- We will advise the Government of views expressed at these sessions **but important to make submission to the Commonwealth Taskforce.**
- Will help us if you send us a copy of any submission.



How to make a submission

- Online information can be found at:
- www.nola.gov.au
- Email submissions to: info@coagskillstaskforce.gov.au
- **Written submissions to:**
COAG National Licensing Taskforce
Dept of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research & Tertiary
Education, GPO Box 9839
16 Mort St, CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601



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- It would help us advise the WA Government if you can send us a copy of any submission you make.
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Questions?