



# Obtaining a Class G Gasfitting Permit

Fact Sheet

## Requirement to hold a licence

In Western Australia, the *Gas Standards Act 1972* provides that gasfitting work may only be carried out by persons with the appropriate gasfitting licence, as issued by the Director of Energy Safety.

## Scope of Class G gasfitting work

The Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999 (Regulations) refers to gasfitting work as an operation, work or process in connection with the installation, removal, demolition, replacement, alteration, maintenance or repair of a gas installation.

There are some exceptions such as the replacement of LP Gas cylinders, some automotive applications and gasfitting work associated with a reticulated supply system for the gas supplier.

A Class G Gasfitting Permit is required for gasfitting work associated with installation and/or servicing of a consumer's gas installation comprising of Type A gas appliances and piping systems operating up to 200kPa pressure on either Natural Gas (NG) or Liquefied Petroleum gas (LPG). This would also include domestic and commercial installations and gasfitting work associated with caravans, transportable buildings and LPG installations on marine craft.

## Eligibility requirements to apply for a permit

To obtain a Class G Gasfitting Permit, a person will need to satisfy the Director of Energy Safety that they:

- have adequate theoretical and practical knowledge; and
- have adequate skills to carry out the gasfitting; and
- have adequate knowledge of the controlling legislation; and
- are otherwise a fit and proper person to carry out the gasfitting. Must have completed the relevant on-the-job training as required.

This can be demonstrated by providing certificates of training recognised by Building and Energy that cover the scope of work for which the person is applying.

## To obtain a Class G Gasfitting Permit refer to the following application forms:

- Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit restricted to work under supervision  
(Suitable for a WA indentured apprentice or a non-apprentice (trainee) wishing to work under supervision)
- Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit – Tradesperson restricted to work under supervision  
(Suitable for a WA indentured apprentice or a non-apprentice (trainee) who has completed either a plumbing apprenticeship or a Certificate III in Gasfitting **but has not completed the on-the-job training**)
- Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit for Installing of NG and LPG or Installing and Servicing NG and LPG.  
(Suitable for a WA indentured apprentice or non-apprentice (trainee) **who has completed** either a plumbing apprenticeship or a Certificate III in Gasfitting **plus** the **on-the-job training** – if the on-the-job training have not been completed please use “Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit – Tradesperson restricted to work under supervision”)
- Application to UPGRADE an existing Class G Gasfitting Permit.  
(Suitable for a person who wishes to upgrade an Installing NG and LPG permit to include Gas Servicing. or to upgrade a Gas Servicing only permit to include Installing NG and LPG or Tradesperson Permit to Installing NG and LPG as applicable.)
- Application for a Gasfitting Permit (Interstate and New Zealand Recognition)  
(Suitable for a person who holds a current Interstate or New Zealand Licence/Permit – refer to the Fact Sheet “Obtaining a Gasfitting Permit through Mutual Recognition”)

## Supervision

Strict conditions apply to apprentices and gas fitters working under supervision. They **must**:

- only work under supervision of a registered gas fitter licensed to carry out the gasfitting work;
- obtain the licence (Permit) prior to undertaking gasfitting work;
- not submit Notices of Completion, affix compliance badges or fix service stickers (the supervising gas fitter must carry out this function), however they are permitted to submit eNotice drafts for approval by the supervising gas fitter; and
- only carry out gasfitting work for which they and their supervisor are licensed.

Apprentices and trainees must be under the supervision of a registered gas fitter while they are carrying out gasfitting work. The level of supervision required will depend on the competence of the apprentice or trainee.

Building and Energy has a gasfitting supervision guideline which is available on our website at

<http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/class-g-apprentices-or-trainees-application-form>

### If a person does not apply for a permit on completion of training or if the permit has expired

- More than 30 days and within 2 years – A permit can be issued on receipt of the application, with no further training/assessment.
- Between 2 and 5 years – On receipt of application form together with successfully completing the assessment on Gas Standards Legislation, Gas Safety, Basic Combustion and the AS/NZS 5601 Gas Installation or CPCPGS4022A Service Type A gas appliances (whichever is applicable).
- More than 5 years – On receipt of application form together with successfully completing the theory and practical assessment on Certificate III in Gasfitting. This assessment will include evidence that the person has completed practical gasfitting work in compliance with the Regulations and that the installation has been left safe to use and to a standard acceptable in the workplace. Supply a copy of his On-the-Job Declaration signed by Trainee and Supervisor Gas fitter unless they continue to be supervised.

### What is the penalty for working without a permit?

A person who carries out gasfitting work without an appropriate permit is liable for prosecution and a fine under the *Gas Standards Act 1972*.

### Registered Training Organisations

### Telephone

Central Regional TAFE (Geraldton) <i>Apprenticeship Training Only</i>	1300 996 573
MPA Skills, Maylands, Jandakot, Bayswater	9471 6600
North Metropolitan TAFE (Balga) <i>Apprenticeship Training Only</i>	1300 300 822
South Metropolitan TAFE - Rockingham	1800 001 001
South Regional TAFE (Bunbury and Albany)	9780 7000

### Where do I lodge my application?

Postal Address: Building and Energy  
Licensing Office  
Locked Bag 100  
EAST PERTH WA 6892

In person: Building and Energy  
Level 1  
303 Sevenoaks Street (entrance Grose Avenue)  
CANNINGTON WA 6107  
Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm Mon to Fri