



Obtaining a Class I 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 I 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.

Class I gasfitting is work on a consumers' gas installation associated with:

- Type B gas appliances; or
- Gas piping systems operating above 200kPa.
(but not work covered by Classes G, E, or P).

Eligibility requirements to apply for a Class I Gasfitting Permit

To apply for a Class I Gasfitting Permit, a person will need to demonstrate that they have:

- adequate theoretical and practical knowledge;
- adequate skills to carry out the gasfitting;
- adequate knowledge of the controlling legislation; and
- is otherwise a fit and proper person to carry out the gasfitting.

This can be demonstrated by providing certificates of training recognised by Building and Energy that cover the scope of work.

Where recognised training is not available for the type of work required, a person may make an application based on appropriate evidence of current skills and knowledge to carry out the gasfitting work.

Evidence provided will need to include, but not limited to:

- General CV including work history.
- Documented evidence of past experience/prior learning.
- Engineering or other relevant qualifications/trade certificate(s).
- Compatible interstate licence.
- Details of the type of work completed.
- Copies of Notices of Completion and or Inspector's Certificates.

The information and supporting evidence must be that of the applicant and relate to work undertaken.

A permit may be restricted to one or more of the following:

- To work under supervision.
- Installing and Commissioning.
- Installing, Commissioning, and Servicing.
- Installing and Servicing pipework systems operating above 200kPa.
- Servicing Type B Gas Appliances only.

The permit may also be restricted to being able to work on appliances up to a specific size, such as:

- 1GJ
- 5GJ
- 20GJ
- Over 20GJ

Should the applicant wish to apply for specific authorisation to install, commission and/or service a particular appliance or appliances, or hold the permit for a short period of time such as commissioning or testing for example, the applicant may find that an Gasfitting Authorisation issued by the Director may be more applicable (See review the “Obtaining an Gasfitting Authorisation Fact Sheet”).

To obtain a Class I Gasfitting Permit refer to the following application form:

- Application for a Class I Gasfitting Permit
(Suitable for a trainee wishing to work under supervision and/or a person wishing to certify and/or supervise gasfitting work)

This form is also suitable for a person wishing to upgrade their existing Class I Gasfitting Permit.

Supervision

Strict conditions apply gasfitters working under supervision. They **must**:

- only work under supervision of a registered gasfitter 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 gasfitter must carry out this function); and
- only carry out gasfitting work for which they and their supervisor are licensed.

The level of supervision required will depend on the competence of the trainee.

Building and Energy has a gasfitting supervision guideline which is available on the web portal at <http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/class-g-apprentices-or-trainees-application-form>

If a person does not apply for a Gasfitting Permit on completion of training or the Gasfitting Permit has expired

Where a person did not apply for a Gasfitting Permit on completion of training or the Gasfitting Permit has expired:

- Within 2 years – A Gasfitting Permit can be issued on receipt of the application.
- Between 2 and 5 years – The person is required to complete successfully the assessment on Gas Standards Legislation, Gas Safety, Basic Combustion and the AS/NZS 3814.
- More than 5 years – The person is required to complete successfully the theory and practical assessment. 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.
 - Training/Assessment Statement demonstrating successful completion of Gas Standards Legislation, Gas Safety, Basic Combustion and Exhaust principles.
 - Training/Assessment Statement for CPCPGS4023B Install, commission and service Type B gas appliances, or equivalent qualification recognised by the director.
 - Evidence provided will need to include, but not limited to:
 - General CV including work history;
 - Documented evidence of past experience/prior learning;
 - Engineering or other relevant qualifications/trade certificate(s);
 - Compatible interstate/international licence; and
 - Details of the type of work completed;
 - Copies of Notices of Completion and or Inspector’s Certificates.

What is the penalty for working without a Gasfitting 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* and associated Regulations.

Registered Training Organisations

Telephone

North Metropolitan TAFE (Midland)	1300 300 822
GasTrain	1300 955 583
Optec	08 9240 8252

Where do I send 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
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For further information you may contact the Licensing Office via the following:

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