



# Obtaining a Class P Gasfitting Permit

## for Auto Gas Refuelling Installations

Fact Sheet

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### 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 P 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 P gasfitting work is classed as a work or process associated with the storage and dispensing of gas for the refuelling of a motor vehicle as defined in the *Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008*.

*Class P work is gasfitting work on a consumer's autogas refuelling installation associated with:*

- to work under supervision
- installation;
- servicing;
- repair;
- commissioning; or
- decommissioning of CNG/LNG/LPG gas refuellers.

Class P gasfitting work also includes installation and or servicing and maintenance of gas refuellers for CNG/LNG/LPG vehicles.

### Eligibility requirements to apply for a permit

To apply for a Class P 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 for which the person is applying.

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.

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

Application for a Class P Gasfitting Permit for Auto Gas Refuelling Installations

*(Suitable for a trainee wishing to work under supervision and/or a person wishing to certify and/or supervise gasfitting work or to upgrade a permit restricted to working under supervision to enable them to certify and supervise work or to include another type of fuel gas or classification of gasfitting work.)*

## **Supervision**

Strict conditions apply to apprentices and 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.

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 the web portal at

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

## **If a person who 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 Class P Gasfitting Permit on completion of training or the 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 installation and or servicing requirements of Class P gasfitting work as applicable.
- More than 5 years – The person is required to complete successfully the theory and practical assessment on Class P gasfitting work as applicable.
- This 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.

## **What is the penalty for working without a Gasfitting Permit?**

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

## **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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**Licensing Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm Mon to Fri**

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