

Fact Sheet

Gasfitting Certificate of Competency to Permit

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This fact sheet explains what your entitlements are and how to obtain a gasfitting permit when surrendering your Certificate of Competency to Energy Safety.

Certificate of Competency (CoC)

CoCs were issued by the State Energy Commission (SEC) in the 1980's and early 1990's so that the holder could carry out gas fitting work. Each CoC carried an endorsement identifying a Class of gas fitting which the holder could perform:

- **Class A** was for installation work where the gas in use was lighter than air, i.e. natural gas;
- **Class B** was for service work on installations where the gas in use was lighter than air;
- **Class C** was for installation work where the gas in use was heavier than air, i.e. LP Gas;
- **Class D** was for service work on installations where the gas in use was heavier than air;
- **Class E** was for the installation on LP Gas vehicle engines in accordance with AS 1425;
- **Class F** was for service work on LP Gas vehicle engines which complied with AS 1425.

In the early 1990's the issuing of CoCs was phased out in favour of permits as the primary licensing method for gas fitters.

Permits

The Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulation 1999 was introduced in 1999. These regulations better reflected the needs of industry by referencing national standards and introducing a more appropriate gas fitter classification system;

- **Class G** (general gasfitting) issued for gas fitting on consumer gas installations associated with Type A gas appliances (listed in the regulations) and piping systems operating up to 200 kPa;
- **Class I** (industrial gas fitting) issued for working on Type B gas appliances and piping systems operating above 200 kPa;
- **Class E** issued for working on mobile engines, cars or marine craft operating on gas;
- **Class P** issued for working on auto gas refuelling facilities.

Restrictions

All Classes of gas fitting may be restricted e.g. restricted to installation or to LP Gas only etc.

Why should I upgrade?

It is planned to introduce a National Occupational Licensing System (NOLS) for gas fitters in July 2012. Perpetual licences, such as CoCs, are not compatible with the proposed NOLS structure. It is intended to provide for the abolishment of CoCs when WA introduces national occupation licensing legislation. The process for converting from a CoC to a Permit is likely to be more stringent when NOLS legislation is

introduced with tighter requirements to be met by gas fitters transferring or applying for a NOLS licence.

As an incentive for early surrender of CoCs by gas fitters, the Director of Energy Safety has waived the permit fee for the first year.

What am I entitled to?

What you are entitled to is determined by the CoC classes and demonstration of competencies. A class G and/or E permit with equivalent restrictions as applies to the CoC will be issued without additional proof of competency. See over for an indication of the equivalent CoC and Permit classes and restrictions.

If the applicant requires a Class I or Class P permit, or in the case of a Class E permit for any gas type other than LP Gas, then they must supply evidence that they are competent to do that work.

How do I upgrade?

An applicant must fill in an application form and submit it with the additional documents as required, to the Licensing branch of Energy Safety.

Application forms can be obtained from the Licensing branch or online from the Energy Safety website. See below for contact details.

The original CoC should be returned with the application. Where the CoC cannot be located a letter from the applicant stating that the CoC is being surrendered is sufficient.

Where evidence of competency is required it may take the form of, but is not limited to:

- Notice of Completion for the type of work the application is for;
- Training certificates/qualifications covering the work the application is for; or
- References from a qualified person, e.g. gas inspector, supporting the application.

For further information on the type of evidence required contact the Gas Utilisation Branch on (08) 9422 5200.

Application for a permit and further information can be obtained from:

Energy Safety
303 Sevenoaks Street
CANNINGTON WA 6107
Telephone: (08) 9422 5282
Facsimile: (08) 9422 5222
Email: energylicensing@commerce.wa.gov.au
Internet: www.energysafety.wa.gov.au

Licensing Office Hours

8:30am to 5:00pm Mon to Fri

Matrix – Certificate of Competence and Permit class and restriction equivalents.

Class G Permit

Certificate of Competency Class	Equivalent Class G Permit
A	Installing Natural Gas.
B	Servicing Natural Gas.
A, B	Installing and Servicing Natural Gas
C	Installing LP Gas
A, C	Installing Natural Gas and LP Gas
A, B, C	Servicing Natural Gas, installing Natural Gas and LP Gas.
D	Servicing LP Gas.
B, D	Servicing Natural Gas and LP Gas.
A, B, D	Installing Natural Gas, Servicing Natural Gas and LP Gas.
C, D	Installing and Servicing LP Gas.
A, C, D	Servicing LP Gas, Installing Natural Gas and LP Gas
B, C, D	Installing LP Gas, Servicing Natural Gas and LP Gas.
A, B, C, D	No restrictions

Class E Permit (cover mobile engines)

Certificate of Competency Class	Equivalent Class E Permit
E or E with CD	Installing LP Gas.
F or F with CD	Servicing LP Gas.
E, F	Installing and servicing LP Gas.
E, F (Forklifts Only)	Installing & Servicing Forklifts - LPG.

Class G and Class E Permit

Certificate of Competency Class	Equivalent Gasfitting Permit Class
A, B, C, D, E	Class G - No Restrictions
	Class E - Installing LP Gas
A, B, C, D, F	Class G – No Restrictions
	Class E - Servicing LP Gas
A, B, C, D, E, F	Class G – No Restrictions
	Class E - Installing and Servicing LP Gas

For Class I, Class P or Class E endorsements for LNG or CNG contact EnergySafety

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