



Fact Sheet

Class G Gasfitting Permit

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This fact sheet explains how to obtain a permit for Class G gasfitting work in Western Australia, pursuant to the *Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999*.

Scope of Class G gasfitting work

A Class G gasfitting permit is required for installation and servicing work associated with the following:

- Type A appliances;
- piping systems operating up to 200 kPa;
- domestic premises;
- small commercial premises;
- caravans; campervans, mobile workshops or marine craft.

To obtain a Class G gasfitting permit refer to the following application forms:

1. **WA registered apprentices** (Plumbing and Gasfitting)
'Application for a 'Class G' gasfitting permit for apprentices and pre-apprentices restricted to work under supervision'
2. **WA trade qualified** (Plumbing and Gasfitting) for Installation (optional servicing)
'Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit on completion of a recognised apprenticeship'
3. **Non licensed or overseas** Gas Fitters (Restricted permit to work under supervision)
'Application for a restricted Class G gasfitting permit for non gasfitting trade trained or overseas gas fitter to work under supervision'

A permit restricted to work under supervision may be issued so that work can be undertaken while completing training and/or assessment.
4. **Non licensed or overseas** qualified Gas Fitters that meet WA licensing requirements
'Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit for non-gasfitting trade trained or overseas gas fitter'

Holders of gasfitting licences from another Australian State or Territory

If you hold a current gasfitting licence/registration in another State or Territory of Australia you may be able to apply for a permit under mutual recognition. Should you qualify for a Class G gasfitting permit under mutual recognition you should obtain copies of:

- *Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999*,
- Gas Installation AS5601,
- Notices of Completion (provided by Energy Safety), and
- Compliance badges (provided by Energy Safety).

We recommend you also attend a short course on WA Gas Legislation. Substantial infringements and penalties are in effect for noncompliant work.

Use the application form *'Application for a Gasfitting Permit Statutory Declaration - Mutual Recognition (Western Australia) Act'* to apply for a Class G permit under this category.

Assessments

A person may apply to be assessed for their current skills and knowledge to carry out Class G gasfitting work. A Registered Training Organisation (RTO) can carry out an assessment in accordance with Energy Safety guidelines. Any associated costs are at the applicant's expense. Contact a RTO for further information. A list of Registered Training Organisation's (RTO) is provided on page 2.

If a person does not apply for a permit on completion of training or their permit has expired

Where a person did not apply for a permit on completion of training or their permit has expired:

- Within 2 years - a permit can be issued on receipt of the application.
- Between 2 and 5 years – the person is required to successfully complete a theory assessment on the regulations and AS5601.
- More than 5 years – the person is required to successfully complete a theory and practical assessment on the regulations and the person's skills and knowledge to carry out Class G gasfitting.

Please see over page for further information

The Regulations

In Western Australia, the *Gas Standards (Gasfitting and Consumer Gas Installations) Regulations 1999* provide that gasfitting work may only be carried out by persons with an appropriate gasfitting permit or authorisation issued by the Director of Energy Safety.

The purpose of the Regulations is to ensure the safety of gas fitters and consumers of gas throughout Western Australia. Anyone who carries out gas fitting in Western Australia should make themselves aware of the penalties for doing noncompliant work.

Who is the Director of Energy Safety?

The Director of Energy Safety has the authority to issue gasfitting permits to persons who provide satisfactory evidence of their knowledge, skills and ability to perform gasfitting work safely, to a trade finish and in compliance with the regulations.

Eligibility for a permit (Regulation 12)

The Director of Energy Safety may issue a permit to an applicant to carry out the gasfitting specified in the permit if the Director is satisfied that the applicant:

- has adequate theoretical and practical knowledge and adequate skills to carry out the gasfitting;
- has an adequate knowledge of the Act and the associated regulations; and
- is otherwise a fit and proper person to carry out the gasfitting.

How to apply for a permit

To apply for a gasfitting permit, an applicant must complete an application form and provide the appropriate evidence of eligibility.

Applications should be submitted to the Licensing Office at EnergySafety.

What is the penalty for working without a permit?

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

Who are the Registered Training Organisations?

Gasfitting training is available on a full-time or part-time basis from the following RTO's who are recognised by EnergySafety to undertake Class G gasfitting training:

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| Challenger TAFE | 9239 8309 |
| Swan TAFE Midland Campus | 9207 4348 |
| Swan TAFE Balga Campus | 9207 4348 |
| MPA Skills | 9471 6600 |

Note: Not all the RTO's provide the full range of training; e.g. some RTO's may not offer appliance service training or non apprentice training.

For further information

For further information, please contact the Licensing Office at:

EnergySafety
303 Sevenoaks Street (Cnr Grose Avenue)
CANNINGTON WA 6107

Telephone: (08) 9422 5282

Facsimile: (08) 9422 5222

Email: energylicensing@commerce.wa.gov.au

Internet: www.energysafety.wa.gov.au

Application forms and further information is available on EnergySafety's website.

Licensing Office Hours 8:30am to 5:00pm Mon to Fri

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