

Class P Gasfitting Permit

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

Scope of Class P Gasfitting Work

Class P work is gasfitting work on a consumers' autogas refuelling installation associated with:

- installation;
- servicing;
- repair;
- commissioning; or
- decommissioning of gas plant.

At the present time, it is the preferred policy of EnergySafety to issue a gasfitting Authorisation to cover Class P gasfitting work (see the fact sheet 'Obtaining a Gasfitting Authorisation').

Scope of Class P Work

A Class P permit is required for the installation and/or servicing and repair of gas systems associated with:

- welding of pipes;
- mechanical assembly of gas components;
- fuel bowsers/pumps/dispensers and metering systems;
- safety control systems; and
- decommissioning plant and equipment.

How to Obtain a Class P Permit

To obtain a Class P Permit, a person will need to provide certificates of training recognised by EnergySafety 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 will need to include, but is not necessarily limited to:

- general CV or work history;
- documented evidence of past experience/prior learning:
 - engineering or other relevant qualifications
 - trade certificate(s)
 - compatible interstate/international licence;
- confirmation of relevant skills and knowledge by the following:
 - employer
 - equipment provider
 - long term client
 - qualified assessor (inspector, supervisor etc);
- confirmation of successful completion of relevant training; and
- details of installations worked on, copies of Notices, copies of inspector's certificates etc together with detailed resume of involvement (eg. installation only, preparation of submission, control systems, commissioning, servicing).

The information and supporting evidence must be that of the applicant. The use of evidence other than that of the applicant may require the applicant to provide a letter of authorisation for its use.

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 safety for gas fitters and consumers of gas throughout Western Australia.

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

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 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. Applicants also need to comply with all requirements of the relevant check sheet.

Applications should be submitted to the Licensing Office at EnergySafety, as shown below.

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* and associated regulations.

For Further Information

For further information, please contact the Licensing Office at:

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