

Obtaining a Class I Gasfitting Permit

Requirement to hold a licence

In Western Australia, the *Gas Standards Act 1972* (the Act) 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 (the Regulations) refersto 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 work.

This can be demonstrated by providing certificates of training from a registered training organisation and providing a declaration completed by the supervising gasfitter and applicant, confirming the applicant has completed the On-the-job Training Record Log Book for Class I(a) Gasfitting permit.

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

- general CV including work history;
- documented evidence of past experience/prior learning – On-the-job Training Record Log Book for Class I(a) Gasfitting permit;
- engineering or other relevant qualifications/trade certificate(s);
- · compatible interstate licence;
- details of the type of work completed; and
- 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 Type B Gas appliances.
- Installing, Commissioning, and Servicing Type B Gas appliances.
- Servicing Type B Gas appliances only.
- Installing and Servicing pipework systems operating above 200kPa.

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; and
- suitable for a person wishing to upgrade their existing Class I Gasfitting Permit.

Supervision

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

- only work under the supervision of a registered gasfitter licensed to carry out the gasfitting work;
- obtain the licence (Permit) prior to undertaking gasfitting work;
- not submit electronic Notices of Completion (e-NOC) and affix compliance badges or fix service stickers, however they are permitted to submit e-NOC drafts for approval by the supervising gas fitter; 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.

<u>Gasfitting Supervision Guidelines</u> are available on the Building and Energy website.

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 the last two years:
 - An equivalent gasfitting permit can be issued on receipt of the application.
- Between two and five years:
 - a) If the person has not applied for a permit on completion of the training, a 'Class I(a) gasfitting permit restricted to work under supervision' can be issued subject to successful completion of assessment on gas standards legislation WA, gas safety, basic combustion and exhaust principles and CPCPGS4023B Install, commission and service Type B gas appliances or current equivalent by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO); or
 - b) if the permit has expired and the person had previously held an unrestricted Class I permit an equivalent gasfitting permit may be granted provided the applicant is able to demonstrate their competency to carry out the gasfitting work by providing the following evidence, but not limited to:
 - i. Training/assessment statement by an RTO demonstrating successful completion of gas standards legislation WA, gas safety, basic combustion and exhaust principles.

- **ii.** Training/assessment statement by an RTO demonstrating successful completion of CPCPGS4023B Install, commission and service Type B gas appliances or current equivalent.
- iii. General CV including work experience.
- **iv.** Documented evidence of past experience or prior learning.
- **v.** Relevant engineering or trade qualification(s).
- vi. Compatible interstate/international license.
- vii. Details of the type of work completed.
- **viii.** Copies of notices of completion and/or Inspectors Certificates (or) equivalent.
- More than five years:

Will be treated as a new application.

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 Act and associated Regulations.

How to apply

Online

Online application submission and payment option is now available for gasfitting permit applications.

Online application for a Class I Gasfitting Permit

Post, or In Person

Details of how to apply in person or by post are included on the application form.

• Forms and information for applying for a licence

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