Obtaining a Class G Gasfitting Permit
Fact Sheet

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 G 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.

A Class G gasfitting permit is required for gasfitting work associated with installation and or servicing of a consumers’ gas installation comprising of Type A gas appliances and piping systems operating up to 200 kPa pressure on either Natural Gas (NG) or Liquefied Petroleum gas (LGP). This would also include domestic and commercial installations and gasfitting work associated with caravans, transportable buildings and LPG installations on marine craft.

Eligibility requirements to apply for a permit
To apply for a Class G 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 EnergySafety that cover the scope of work for which the person is applying.

To obtain a Class G Gasfitting Permit refer to the following application forms:

- Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit restricted to work under supervision
  *(Suitable for a WA indentured apprentice or a non-apprentice (trainee) wishing to work under supervision)*

- Application for a Class G Gasfitting Permit for Installing of NG and LPG or Installing and Servicing NG and LPG.
  *(Suitable for a WA indentured apprentice or a non-apprentice (trainee) who has completed either a plumbing apprenticeship or a Certificate III in Gasfitting who require their own permit to be able to certify and supervise work)*

- Application to UPGRADE an existing Class G Gasfitting Permit.
  *(Suitable for a person who wishes to upgrade an Installing NG and LPG permit to include Gas Servicing. This application can also be used to upgrade a servicing only permit to include installing NG and LPG as applicable.)*

- Application for a Gasfitting Permit (Interstate and New Zealand Recognition)
  *(Suitable for a person who holds a current Interstate or New Zealand Licence/Permit – refer to the Fact Sheet “Obtaining a Gasfitting Permit through Mutual Recognition”)*
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 gasfitter while they are carrying out gasfitting work. The level of supervision required will depend on the competence of the apprentice or trainee.

EnergySafety has a gasfitting supervision guideline which is available on the web portal at http://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/publications/class-g-apprentices-or-trainees-application-form

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

Where a person did not apply for a Gasfitting Permit on completion of training or the 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 complete successfully the assessment on Gas Standards Legislation, Gas Safety, Basic Combustion and the AS/NZS 5601 Gas Installation.
- More than 5 years – The person is required to complete successfully the theory and practical assessment on Certificate III in Gasfitting. This assessment 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 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.

Registered Training Organisations

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Where do I send my application?

Postal: EnergySafety Licensing Office
Locked Bag 14
Cloisters Square WA 6850

In person: EnergySafety
Level 1
303 Sevenoaks Street (entrance Grose Avenue)
Cannington WA 6107
Office Hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon to Fri