

Guide

Gasfitting licence application

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Introduction

When you need a gasfitting licence

A General Gasfitter, Gasfitter Type B – Appliance, or Provisional Gasfitter licence is required when gasfitting work is undertaken. Gasfitting work is installing, repairing, removing, altering or other work in connection with any fuel gas system, gas appliance, gas container, gas main, pipe, flue or other fitting used designed or intended for use in or in connection with the supply use or distribution of fuel gas. This does not include the connection or disconnection of a gas cylinder with is not filled on the premises or work of installing, repairing, removing, altering or other work in connection with an autogas system.

A fuel gas system is an assembly of equipment consisting of a gas container or connection to a gas main and devices, including relief valves, excess flow valves, pressure regulators, gas appliances and pipes, connecting such devices. A gas appliance is a device that uses fuel gas to produce light, heat or power.

An Auto Gasfitters licence is required when installing, removing, altering or carrying out repairs (other than minor repairs) or performing any other work on an autogas system. Unless the person is under the immediate supervision of a person who is the holder of an Auto Gasfitters licence. An autogas system means a fuel gas system which is fitted to a vehicle, ship or machine and which is designed for use with fuel gas to be consumed by an internal combustion engine which is installed in, or forms part of, that vehicle, ship or machine.

Licence types and scope of work

There are **four types of gasfitting licence** which a person can apply for:

General Gasfitter – To work on an approved Type A Appliance

Gasfitter Type B – Appliance – To work on an approved type B appliances. Type B appliance means any of the following single appliances of input greater than 10MJ/h that forms part of an integrated industrial process:

- a) a water heater;
- b) a space heater;
- c) a vat or tank heater;
- d) a dryer or oven not associated with volatile solvents or hazardous atmospheres;
- e) a batch kiln with flame supervision and safeguards; and
- f) any catering equipment.

The construction, installation, servicing and maintenance of a Type B appliance between the gas isolating valve adjacent to the appliance and any flue connection and includes:

- a) repair and replacement of gas components; and
- b) the commissioning of gas components; and
- c) the commissioning of the gas burner system.

Type B gasfitting work also includes the construction, installation, servicing and maintenance of a steam boiler or thermal fluid heater that forms part of an integrated industrial process between the gas isolating valve adjacent to the appliance and any flue connection including the repair and maintenance of gas components in that appliance.

Provisional Gasfitter – To work under the supervision of a licensed General Gasfitter

Auto Gasfitter – To work on an autogas system that is fitted to a vehicle, ship or machine.

Who may apply for a licence?

Qualification / Experience

*Please note these specific units of competency for these licence types are required from 1 January 2013, NT WorkSafe will accept other similar qualifications/course/units of competency issued prior to this date which demonstrate the completion of a similar course.

To ensure gasfitters who were previously authorised to work on Type B appliance are given the correct licence stream when renewing, their application will be assessed on a 'New' rather than 'Renewal' basis.

General Gasfitter*

- 2 years practical experience
- The successful completion of a Certificate III in Gas fitting including the following units of competency:
 - CPCPCM2049A - Cut using oxy-LPG-acetylene equipment
 - CPCPCM3022A - Weld polyethylene and polypropylene pipes using fusion method
 - CPCPCM3023A - Fabricate and install non-ferrous pressure piping
 - CPCPGS3052A - Maintain Type A gas appliances
 - CPCPCM4011A - Carry out work-based risk control processes
 - CPCPCM4012A - Estimate and cost work
 - CPCPGS4011B - Design and size consumer gas installations
 - CPCPGS4022A - Service Type A gas appliances

Gasfitter Type B – Appliance*

- 3 years practical experience
- Successful completion of CPCPGS4023B Install, commission and service Type B gas appliances unit of competency from CPC40912 Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services
- Completed an apprenticeship/qualification in either:
 - Gasfitting
 - Electrical
 - Engineering

Provisional Gasfitter

- Letter from NT licensed Gasfitter who will supervise your work, or if self-employed complete a statutory declaration stating you will get a fully qualified NT Gasfitter to certify your installations whilst you hold a provisional certificate.

Auto Gasfitter

- 3 months practical experience
- Successful completion of an apprenticeship as a motor mechanic
- Completion of a course for the installation of autogas systems.

Recognition of interstate licences

Gasfitting licences issued in another Australian jurisdiction can be used to demonstrate equivalent training and experience which is required for the type of licence being applied for. Reciprocal applicants still need to demonstrate that they remain competent in gasfitting.

International applicants

Applicants can be assessed by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to assess skills, qualifications and experience against the gasfitting training package requirements. If the applicant meets all the requirements the

RTO will issue a qualification under the Australian Qualifications Framework. Where gaps are identified the RTO can issue the applicant with a statement of attainment and may also be able to assist with further training.

Duration of Licences

General Gasfitters, Gasfitter Type B – Appliance and Auto Gasfitters licence are valid for 5 years.

Provisional Gasfitters licences are valid for 12 months and may be renewed once for a further 12 months; this is to assist people wishing to obtain a General Gasfitters licence, which requires 2 years practical experience.

How to apply for a licence

Application forms are available on the NT WorkSafe website www.worksafe.nt.gov.au

Completed applications can be lodged in person, email or via post at the Territory Business Centre.

Territory Business Centre contact details

Darwin Ground Floor, Building 3 Darwin Corporate Park 631 Stuart Highway, Berrimah	Katherine Shop 1, Randazzo Building. 18 Katherine Terrace.	Tennant Creek Shop 2, Barkly House Cnr Davidson and Patterson Street.	Alice Springs Ground Floor, The Green Well Building. 50 Bath Street
Phone: 1800 193 111		Email address: territory.businesscentre@nt.gov.au	
Postal address: GPO Box 9800, Darwin, NT 0800			

Photographs

Photographs can be taken at any Territory Business Centre. Alternatively, attach to the application, one clear passport-size photograph not more than 6 months old.

Proof of identity

The applicant is required to provide ID as per the Identity requirements – People licensing bulletin.

Fees

Please refer to the NT WorkSafe website for a Schedule of Fees.

Granting / Renewing licence

For a new licence the Competent Authority needs to be satisfied that the applicant has the training and experience required for the type of licence they are applying for. The Competent Authority shall not renew a licence unless they are satisfied that the applicant remains competent in gasfitting.

Replacement Licence

If an NT gasfitting licence is lost, defaced or destroyed, the licence holder may apply for a replacement licence. Applications must be made by completing the application form, paying the prescribed fee and attaching a statutory declaration setting out the details of the loss, defacing or destruction.

Replacement licences are issued with the same terms and conditions as the original licence.

Cancellation/suspension of licence

The Competent Authority may, by instrument served on a licence holder cancel or suspend (for a period specified in the instrument) a licence if:

- The licence holder has been found guilty of an offence against the *Dangerous Goods Act* or Regulations, or
- The licence holder has contravened or failed to comply with a condition of the licence, or
- The licence holder has contravened or failed to comply with the written directions of a WorkSafe Inspector, or
- The Competent Authority is of the opinion that, in the interest of any person, the licence should be cancelled or suspended.

Appeals

A person, who is dissatisfied with a decision of the Competent Authority, may appeal to the Local Court against the decision of a licence application or the cancellation/suspension of a licence.

An appeal must:

- Be made within 28 days after the date on which the person received notice of the decision, and
- Be in writing setting out the grounds on which the person makes the appeal.

A copy of the appeal application must be served on the Competent Authority.

Legislation

The *Dangerous Goods Act* and Dangerous Goods Regulations are available on NT WorkSafe's website www.worksafe.nt.gov.au.

List of jurisdiction contacts

Jurisdiction	Name of Regulator	Telephone	Web site
New South Wales	Fair Trading	13 32 20	www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au
Victoria	Energy Safe Victoria	1800 800 158	www.esv.vic.gov.au
Queensland	Business Queensland	13 74 68	www.business.qld.gov.au/
South Australia	SafeWork SA	1300 365 255	www.safework.sa.gov.au
Western Australia	Department of Mines, Industry Regulation And Safety	(08) 6251 2000	www.commerce.wa.gov.au
Australian Capital Territory	Access Canberra, Environment and Planning	(02) 6207 8096	www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au
Tasmania	Department of Justice	1300 135 513	www.justice.tas.gov.au

Contact us

For further information please contact us on 1800 019 115, via email at ntworksafe@nt.gov.au or go to the NT WorkSafe website at www.worksafe.nt.gov.au

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