

GAS ACT 2000

INSTALLATION APPROVALS AND GAS FITTING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

This information is provided to clarify the legal requirements for gas installation notification and to ensure that Licensed Persons and their customers are not unduly inconvenienced when a new meter fix or gas supply is sought.

Below is an explanation of building types on which the requirement to submit a **Gas Fitting Notice, Certificate of Compliance** or a **Statement of Compliance** is based.

The attached chart indicates whether a **Gas Fitting Notice, Certificate of Compliance** or **Statement of Compliance** is to be submitted and approvals which must be obtained.

Building classification (as per Building Code of Australia)

- Class 1:** One or more building which in association constitutes:
- (a) Class 1a – a single dwelling being –
 - a. A detached house; or
 - b. One or more attached dwellings, each being a building, separated by a fire-resisting wall, including a row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit; or
 - (b) Class 1b – a boarding house, guest house, hostel or the like with a total floor area not exceeding 300m² and in which not more than 12 persons would ordinarily be resident which is not located above or below another dwelling or another class of building other than a private garage.
- Class 2:** A building containing 2 or more sole-occupancy units each being a separate dwelling.
- Class 3:** A residential building, other than a building of class 1 or 2, which is a common place of long term or transient living for a number of unrelated persons including –
- (a) a boarding house, guest house, hostel, lodging-house or backpackers accommodation; or
 - (b) a residential part of a hotel or motel; or
 - (c) a residential part of a school; or
 - (d) accommodation for the aged, disabled or children; or
 - (e) a residential part of a health-care building which accommodates members of staff; or
 - (f) a residential of a detention centre.
- Class 4:** A dwelling in a building that is Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 if it is the only dwelling in the building.
- Class 5:** An office building used for professional purposes, excluding buildings of Class 6, 7, 8 or 9.
- Class 6:** A shop or other building for the sale of goods by retail or the supply of services direct to the public, including –
- (a) an eating room, café, restaurant, milk bar; or
 - (b) a dining room, bar, shop or kiosk part of a hotel or motel; or
 - (c) a hairdresser's or barbers shop, public laundry or undertaker's establishment; or
 - (d) market or sales room, showroom or service station.
- Class 7:** A building which is –
- (a) a carpark; or
 - (b) for the storage or display of goods for sale by wholesale.
- Class 8:** A laboratory, or a building in which a handicraft or process for the productions, assembling, altering, repairing, packing, finishing or cleaning of goods or produce is carried on for trade, sale or gain.
- Class 9:** A building of a public nature –
- (a) Class 9a – a health care building; including those parts of the building set aside as a laboratory; or
 - (b) Class 9b – an assembly building, including a trade workshop, laboratory or the like in a primary or secondary school, but excluding any other part of the building that are of another class.
- Class 10:** A non-habitable building or structure –
- (a) Class 10a – a non-habitable being a private garage, carport, shed or the like; or
 - (b) Class 10b – a structure being a fence, mast, antenna, retaining or free-standing wall, swimming pool or the like.

Class of building	Brief Description	Limitation	Max. Pipe Length & Gas Consumption	Gas Meter Location	WST Approval Doc No. TBA 003	Notification on Gas Fitting Notice (GFN)
Standard Installations						
1(a) *	Single dwelling			Meters <u>NOT</u> grouped	No	Cert of Comp**
2 *	Flats	Building <u>NOT</u> exceeding 3 storeys		Meters <u>NOT</u> grouped	No	Cert of Comp**
4 *	Dwellings in a building	Building <u>NOT</u> exceeding 3 storeys		Meters <u>NOT</u> grouped	No	Cert of Comp**
5 *	Office building	Building <u>NOT</u> exceeding 3 storeys	<u>NOT</u> exceeding 500 MJ/h or 50 metres	Meters <u>NOT</u> grouped	No	Cert of Comp**
6 *	Commercial building	Building <u>NOT</u> exceeding 3 storeys	<u>NOT</u> exceeding 500 MJ/h or 50 metres	Meters <u>NOT</u> grouped	No	Cert of Comp**
-	Mobile homes				No	Cert of Comp**
-	Caravans				No	Cert of Comp**
	Mobile catering vehicle/equipment				No	Cert of Comp**
	Marine craft (LPG)				Refer Dang. Goods Act	NA
Prescribed Standard Installations						
1(a)	Single dwelling			Meters grouped	Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
2	Flats	Building exceeding 3 storeys		or Meters grouped	Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
4	Dwelling in a building	Building exceeding 3 storeys		or Meters grouped	Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
5	Office building	Building <u>NOT</u> exceeding 3 storeys	<u>NOT</u> exceeding 500 MJ/h or 50 metres	Meters grouped	Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
6	Commercial Building +++	Building <u>NOT</u> exceeding 3 storeys	<u>NOT</u> exceeding 500 MJ/h or 50 metres	Meters grouped	Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
Complex Installations (Note Safety & Emergency Management Plan maybe required)						
1(b)	Guest house +++				Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
3	Disabled accommodation +++				Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
5	Office building	Exceeding 3 storeys	Exceeding 500 MJ/h or 50 metres		Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
6	Commercial building +++	Exceeding 3 storeys	Exceeding 500 MJ/h or 50 metres		Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
7	Wholesale premises or car park				Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
8	Factory +++				Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
9(a)	Health care building +++				Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
9(b)	Institution +++				Yes + Yellow copy GFN	Statement of Compliance
	Type B appliance * (application by licensed Type B appliance, person only)				Doc TBA 006 + Yellow copy GFN + Reg 46 schedule	Statement of Compliance

Notes:

- * If a Type B appliance is to be installed, submit a application for complex gas installation and supplementary Type B application
- ** Not applicable to LPG
- *** Marine Craft not 'in survey' ('In Survey Craft' are for business use and are regulated by the Marine Safety Tasmania)
- CC Certificate of Compliance
- +++ Safety and Emergency Management Plan may be required
- ^^ Refer all Type A appliance, approval and modification matters to WST Hobart office (see contact detail below)

Return addresses for Gas Fitting Notices (GFN)

Powerco Tasmania Pty Ltd Level 3, 87 George St Launceston Fax 03 6336 9355 (supply GFN within 48 hours of gas connection)

Workplace Standards Tasmania (Director of Gas Safety) Enquiries 1300 366 322

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