

Conditions to be met by applicants seeking gas certification in the Nationally Accredited Certification Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (ACS).

Category information has been taken from the Operational Requirements document effective 1 April 2016.

The following conditions are applicable to all applicants seeking access to the above scheme:

The applicant must supply information regarding their gas industry experience and/or qualifications currently or previously held.

Applicants must specify each type of gas work they wish to carry out and the application category (shown below) that they believe they are. If there is specific or material cause to doubt the validity of an application, the Assessment Centre must validate the information provided and may reject the application if satisfactory supporting evidence is not available. If an application is rejected, applicants will be notified promptly in writing with the reasons stated.

Applicants will fall into one of the three categories listed below. Applicants that do not satisfy the criteria of Categories 1 and 2 will be classified as Category 3, which is a new entrant to the Gas Industry.

Note: Assessment Centres will make decisions regarding applicant categorisation, however, In the event of disputes between applicants and assessment centres, UK Certification Ltd will take the final decision.

Category 1

Category 1 applicants are experienced gas fitting operatives from within or outside of the United Kingdom.

A) They are:

- i) Seeking to renew expiring or expired certificates of gas safety competence
- ii) Seeking assessment and certification to extend their range of gas work.
- iii) Foreign nationals seeking to obtain certificates of gas safety competence enabling them to meet UK gas work requirements. Operatives in this category must present evidence of their gas fitting qualifications and experience to the Assessment Centre. (Translation of this information will be necessary when not presented in English and must be independently translated by a sworn translator of English and include an appropriate recognition statement confirming the translator's eligibility).
- iv) Seeking to obtain certificates of gas safety competence but hold a Gas Services qualification i.e QCF or S/NVQs.

Category 2

Applicants shall have evidence that:

- i) they hold qualifications detailed in Guidance Note 8 and provide written evidence to the Assessment Centre confirming they have undertaken work experience and training for the range of assessments to be undertaken. The evidence should include:

- A written statement from a registered business detailing the type, range and volume of gas work carried out.
- A certificate of achievement from the training provider

OR

- ii) they are undertaking a RQF (recognised qualification framework) award which has a requirement of gas work to be included in the award, and where ACS certification is an integral part of that award.

OR

- iii) meet the requirements of Guidance Note 8a (Candidates with Gas work experience gained legally from sector of industry outside of the scope of the Gas Safety Installation and Use Regulations).

Category 3

Category 3 applicants are new entrants to the gas industry and as such, they are without a relevant related qualification and/or experience, entering employment for the first time or changing career direction and are therefore ineligible to undertake any ACS assessments.

Individuals in this category should seek training and experience which will result in attainment of an RQF (recognised qualification framework) award **or** undertake a Managed Learning Programme (MLP) recognised and approved by the Standard Setting Body. A managed learning programme is likely to include the need to find employment with a Gas Safe registered business who is willing to provide an auditable portfolio of gas work experience.