



BPEC GAS FOUNDATION REQUIREMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The BPEC Gas Foundation comprises of a series of gas safety training courses. The courses have been designed to provide a route into the gas industry for individuals who **do not** currently hold the pre-requisite qualifications necessary to qualify to undertake assessments under the Accredited Certification Scheme for Individual Gas Fitting Operatives (ACS).

Currently, the portfolio includes the following subject areas:

- Domestic gas and Domestic gas appliances

Candidates who successfully complete the BPEC Gas Foundation course will then be eligible to undertake the relevant ACS qualifications. The BPEC Gas Foundation courses fully meet the 'GAS SAFE' requirements for Category 2 and Category 3 candidates (see below).

The BPEC Gas Foundation is particularly suitable for candidates who have over a period of time accumulated a reasonable level of "life skills" and "dexterity skills" and is used to dealing with members of the public on a professional level.

CORGI CATEGORY 2 AND 3 DEFINITIONS

Category 2

Application conditions require that this applicant obtains employment with a 'GAS SAFE' registered business that is willing to provide an extended period of company "in house" gas training and organisational support prior to taking the ACS assessment.

Applicants must provide evidence that they hold qualifications demonstrating competence in work activities associated with fossil fuelled appliances/equipment and/or pipe-work installation. Examples of appropriate qualifications include:

- *Plumbing craft qualification or S/NVQ*
- *Pipe-fitter/welder craft qualification or S/NVQ*
- *Heating and Ventilating craft qualification or S/NVQ*
- *Refrigeration Engineer craft qualification or S/NVQ*

Category 3

Category 3 applicants are new entrants to the gas industry and have no relevant qualifications or experience.

Application conditions require that this applicant obtains employment with a 'GAS SAFE' registered business that is willing to provide an auditable extended period of company "in house" gas training and organisational support prior to taking the ACS assessment. (The alternative route for this category of applicant is to seek training and experience that will result in the attainment of an N/SVQ in Gas Services Installation and Maintenance at level II or III)

The following information provided by 'GAS SAFE' is intended to give guidance on the typical training and experience durations expected of Category 2 and 3 applicants undertaking domestic training.

CORE GAS SAFETY	APPLIANCE TYPE	COMBINED 'ON AND OFF THE JOB' TRAINING DURATION	
		Category 2	Category 3
CCN 1	COOKERS	40 days	80 days
CCN 1	CENTRAL HEATING*	70 days	140 days
CCN 1	SPACE HEATERS	50 days	100 days
CCN 1	METERS up to U6	30 days	60 days
CCN 1	WARM AIR (stub duct)*	50 days	100 days

* The durations of these training programmes includes work activities other than just gas work

CANDIDATE PORTFOLIO

Each individual candidate will be required to purchase a **BPECC CERTIFICATION CANDIDATE PORTFOLIO**; the portfolio will contain a series of evidence recording forms including:

- Documented Training Programme (Assessment Centre Record)
- BPECC Gas Foundation reference matrix
- "On the Job" evidence recording documents*
- "Off the Job" evidence recording documents*
- Evidence to include photographs, copies of original job documents, job sheets, job descriptions etc. The portfolio may be used by the candidate when he/she applies for 'GAS SAFE' registration. Therefore it is vital that the evidence provides an informative and clear indication of the ability and experience that the candidate has obtained whilst undertaking the BPECC Gas Foundation training programme.