

Inspection and Test of Gas Installation

74. Entry into premises to inspect, etc., gas installation, etc.

A person authorized by a Gas Utility Licensee may, at all reasonable times, on the production of a duly authenticated document of his authority, enter into premises which are supplied with gas by the Gas Utility Licensee, or by another Gas Utility Licensee (whether wholly or partly) through the first-mentioned Gas Utility Licensee's gas pipeline or gas installation, for the any of the following purposes:

- (a) to inspect a gas pipeline or gas installation belonging to the Gas Utility Licensee;
- (b) to ascertain the register of a meter;
- (c) to remove or inspect a meter to install a new meter; or
- (d) in case of an emergency.

75. Entry to disconnect, etc., supply of gas, etc.

A person authorized by a Gas Utility Licensee may, at all reasonable times, on the production of a duly authenticated document of his authority, enter into premises which are supplied with gas by the Gas Utility Licensee, or by another Gas Utility Licensee (whether wholly or partly) through the first-mentioned Gas Utility Licensee's gas pipeline or gas installation, for the purpose of disconnecting the supply of gas or removing a gas fitting, gas pipeline or meter in the premises but shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the entry is made in order to cut off or discontinue the supply of gas to the premises as authorized under the Act;
- (b) the entry is made on order to remove the meter in respect of which an offence has been committed under the Act or the regulations made thereunder;
- (c) the person occupying the premises ceases to require the supply of gas;
- (d) the person who enters into occupation of the premises which were previously supplied with gas does not require the supply of gas; or
- (e) the person who enters into occupation of the premises which were previously supplied with gas through e meter belonging to a Gas Utility Licensee will not rent or borrow the meter.

76. Entry for replacing, etc., gas pipeline or gas installation.

(1) A person authorized by a Gas Utility Licensee may, at all reasonable times, on the production of a duly authenticated document of his authority, enter into premises after giving notice of not less than three working days to the consumer or occupier of the premises, or to the owner of the premises which are unoccupied for the purpose of-

(a) placing a new pipeline, gas fitting, gas equipment or meter in place of or in addition to an existing gas pipeline, gas fitting, gas equipment or meter which has already been lawfully placed; or

(b) repairing or altering an existing gas pipeline or gas equipment.

(2) In the case of an emergency arising from fault in a gas pipeline or gas installation, entry under subregulation (1) may be made without giving notice.

77. Powers of entry.

(1) A person authorized by a Gas Utility Licensee to enter any premises shall ensure that the premises are left secured after the entry.

(2) The Gas Utility Licensee shall make good, or pay compensation for, any damage caused by the person so authorized or by the person accompanying him in entering the premises.

(3) A person authorized by a Gas Utility Licensee to enter any premises may be accompanied by such persons as may be appropriate for the purpose for which the entry is made.

78. Fixing of meter, changing of meter position and loss of or damage to meter.

(1) For the purpose of section 19 of the Act, the Gas Utility Licensee shall provide fix a meter as it considers necessary in order to measure the amount of gas supplied to a consumer.

(2) Where an additional meter is installed by the Gas Utility Licensee at the request of the consumer, the consumer shall pay the charges at the rate which is approved by the Director General.

(3) The Gas Utility Licensee may change e meter or its position in the premises in which gas is supplied by him.

(4) The consumer shall be liable to indemnify the Gas Utility Licensee for the loss of or damage to e meter installed within the premises.

79. Reading of meter.

(1) The reading of a meter shall be *prima facie* evidence of the amount of gas consumed by the consumer.

(2) However, if-

- (a) the supply of gas registered by the meter at any time is not equal to the gas consumed; or
- (b) the meter is not registering the actual consumption due to a defect in the installation,

the Gas Utility Licensee may impose a provisional charge for the gas supplied.

(3) If the Gas Utility Licensee is unable to provide a meter for a gas installation due to the shortage of a supply of a meter, the Gas Utility Licensee may, with the approval of the Director General, fix a monthly charge for the supply of gas.

80. Test of meter.

(1) The Gas Utility Licensee shall have the meter tested upon request in writing by the consumer and upon tendering the fee as may be determined by the Gas Utility Licensee.

(2) The test under subregulation (1) shall be made by the Gas Utility Licensee as soon as practicable upon receipt of the request and upon payment of the fee to the Gas Utility Licensee and the consumer may be present during the test.

(3) If----

- (a) the gas meter is found to be inaccurate by more than two percent; or
- (b) the gas meter is found to be registering the consumption of gas when no gas is flowing,

the fee shall be refunded and the consumer's account shall be adjusted.

(4) The adjustment under subregulation (3) shall be limited to the bill rendered for the month prior to the month in which the consumer requested a test of the meter and to the consumer's account from the date of the last bill to the date of removal of the meter for testing but the Gas Utility Licensee may, if he considers special circumstances justify such a course, authorize adjustment of the bill rendered prior to the period stipulated in this subregulation.

(5) In the case where the Gas Utility Licensee finds that the gas meter is not registering correctly, the consumer's account shall be adjusted as in subregulation (4).