

Certificate of Competency as a Gas Fitter

99. Eligibility to become a Gas Fitter.

(1) In order to be considered eligible to sit for the examination for Certificate of Competency as a Class III Gas Fitter, a person shall satisfy the Panel that he complies with the following conditions:

- (a) that he is a Malaysian citizen;
- (b) that he is not less than 18 years of age;
- (c) that he has suitable educational qualification as may be determined by the Panel;
- (d) that he has one year working experience in gas pipeline or gas installation work with a Gas Contractor or in a recognized academic institution or Government Department or agency;
- (e) that he is able to speak and write in the national language; and
- (f) any other conditions as the Panel deems necessary.

(2) A person applying to sit for the examination as a Class II Gas Fitter shall fulfill the following conditions:

- (a) he is a holder of a Certificate of Competency as a Class III Gas Fitter or any equivalent Certificate of Competency ; and
- (b) he has the working experience as an assistant to a Gas Engineer, Gas Engineering Supervisor or Class I or II Gas Fitter by maintaining, operating or controlling a gas pipeline or gas installation for a period of two years whilst holding a Certificate referred to in paragraph (a).

(3) A person applying to sit for the examination as a Class I Gas Fitter he shall fulfill the following conditions:

- (a) he is a holder of a Certificate of Competency as a Class II Gas Fitter or any equivalent Certificate of Competency ; and
- (b) he has the working experience as an assistant to a Gas Engineer, Gas Engineering Supervisor or Class I or II Gas Fitter by maintaining, operating or controlling a gas pipeline or gas installation for a period of one year whilst holding a Certificate referred to in paragraph (a).

(4) Before a Certificate of Competency as a Gas Fitter of any class is issued to a person, he shall satisfy the Panel-

- (a) that he has sufficient knowledge and practical skill in gas pipeline or gas installation work; and
- (b) that he has sufficient knowledge of the Act and the regulations made thereunder.

(5) The examination for a Certificate of Competency as a Gas Fitter shall be based on a syllabus to be determined by the Panel and shall be partly by written answers to questions set and partly by *viva voce* and may include any practical test as the Panel deems necessary.

(6) Notwithstanding subregulation (1) or (5), the Panel may, in its discretion, exempt a person from any or all of the requirements necessary for the examination.

100. Issuance, restriction or endorsement of Certificate of Competency by Panel.

The Panel may in its discretion---

- (a) issue a Certificate of Competency as a Gas Fitter to a person who has passed the examination under regulation 99;
- (b) restrict the use of a Certificate of Competency to a type, class, duration or Location of installation;
- (c) endorse a Certificate of Competency to permit the holder to test and certify a gas installation on the condition that he has shown sufficient knowledge and experience in carrying out such work to the satisfaction of the Panel;
- (d) impose any other endorsement on a Certificate of Competency issued under these Regulations as the Panel deems necessary; and
- (e) impose a fee payable for the removal of any restriction or endorsement on a Certificate of Competency as prescribed in Part II of the Third Schedule.

101. Temporary registration of foreign person.

(1) Subject to these Regulations and the condition as the Panel may think fit to impose, the Panel may, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Part II of the Third Schedule, issue a temporary Certificate of Competency to foreign person.

(2) A foreign person may be considered for the issuance of the temporary Certificate of Competency if he satisfies the Panel-

- (a) that he possesses the necessary qualification and skill which is recognized for the practice of gas engineering in the country where he normally practises;
- (b) that he possesses the necessary expertise and his physical presence is required in Malaysia; and
- (c) that he has the necessary work permit issued by the relevant authority.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), before a person may be considered for the A purpose registration as a Gas Engineer, he shall be registered temporarily as a Professional Engineer with the Board of Engineers under the Registration of Engineers Act 1967.

(4) The Director General may issue a temporary Certificate of Competency for a period not exceeding twelve months.

(5) A foreign person whose Certificate of Competency has expired may apply for renewal subject to the provisions of these Regulations and the Director General may renew the Certificate as he deems fit.

(6) For the purpose of these Regulations, "foreign person" means a person who is not a citizen or a permanent resident of Malaysia.

102. Endorsement of equivalent Certificate of Competency by Panel.

(1) The Panel may, in its discretion, exempt from the whole or part of the examination, any candidate who is a resident of Malaysia and who is the holder of a Certificate of Competency which, in the opinion of the Panel, is equivalent to the corresponding Certificate issued under these Regulations.

(2) The person under subregulation (1) may be recommended to be issued an appropriate Certificate of Competency upon payment of the fee as prescribed in Part II of The Third Schedule.

(3) The Panel may, in its discretion, exempt a candidate who is a resident of Malaysia from an examination for a Gas Engineer's Certificate of Competency if-

(a) he is a holder of a Certificate of Competency which, in the opinion of the Panel, is equivalent to the relevant Certificate issued under these Regulations; and

(b) he is able to satisfy the conditions as stipulated in subregulation 97(2).

(4) The Director General shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, grant the relevant Certificate of Competency to a candidate exempted from the examination under subregulation (2).