

**GAS SUPPLY ACT 1993**

**GAS SUPPLY REGULATIONS 1997**

*Act 501*

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 39 of the Gas Supply Act 1993, the Deputy Prime Minister, having been directed under section 51 of the Interpretation Acts 1948 and 1967 to exercise the powers of the Prime Minister, makes the following regulations:

*Act 388*

PART I

PRELIMINARY

**1. Citation and commencement.**

(1) These regulations may be cited as the **Gas Supply Regulations 1997** and come into force on 17 July 1997.

(2) Despite subregulation (1), the following regulations shall come into force on 17 July 1998.

- (a) regulation 5;
- (b) regulation 7;
- (c) regulation 15(2);
- (d) regulation 16;
- (e) regulation 17;
- (f) regulation 18;
- (g) regulation 21;
- (h) regulation 33;
- (i) regulation 81;
- (j) regulation 89;
- (k) regulation 103;
- (l) regulation 105;
- (m) regulation 106;
- (n) regulation 107;
- (o) regulation 108;
- (p) regulation 116;
- (q) regulation 117;
- (r) regulation 119; and
- (s) regulation 130;

## **2. Interpretation.**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires ----

“additional gas installation” means an addition of gas pipeline to an existing gas installation which is not indicated in the drawings of the existing gas installation which have been approved;

“domestic gas installation” means a single gas installation in a private dwelling which is not used as a hotel or boarding house or for the purpose of carrying out any business, trade or profession or for the providing any service;

“gas appliance” means an appliance designed for use or to be used by a consumer of gas for heating, burning, motive power or other purposes for which gas can be used and includes a gas appliance regulator;

“Gas Contractor” means a person who holds a Certificate of Registration as a Gas Contractor issued under regulation 103;

“Gas Engineer” means a person who holds a Certificate of Competency as a Gas Engineer issued under regulation 97;

“Gas Engineering Supervisor” means a person who holds a Certificate of Competency as a Gas Engineering Supervisor issued under regulation 98;

“gas equipment” means a functioning item such as a valve or pressure regulator used in a gas system;

“gas fitting” means an item in a piping or tubing system that is used as a connector such as an elbow, ea return bend, tee, an union, a bushing, coupling, cross or nipple but dose not include a functioning, item such as a valve or pressure regulator;

“Gas Fitter” means a person who holds a Certificate of Competency as a Gas Fitter, with or without restrictions, issued under regulation 100;

“gas main pipe” means a pipe installed in a community to convey gas to an individual service pipeline or other main pipe;

“gas service pipe” means a pipe between the gas main pipe and a meter installed on the premises of a consumer and includes any pipe downstream of a service isolation valve;

“Gas Utility Licensee” means a person supplying gas through a gas pipeline to a person other than the Private Licensee;

“meter” means a device installed to measure, ascertain or regulate the amount of gas taken or used from the main supply;

“operating pressure” means the pressure of gas at which a gas system is operated;

“person” includes a firm, a company, an association, a partnership (whether or not having a separate legal personality), or a body of persons (whether incorporated or not);

“Private Gas Licensee” means a person supplying gas and using gas through a gas pipeline on his own property or premises or the property or premises of the owner or occupier but does not include a person obtaining the supply of gas from a Gas Utility Licensee;

“purge” means the removal of all air and gas other than the gas supplied from a gas service pipe, meter, gas equipment or gas appliance;

“regulator” means a device used for regulating gas pressure;

“responsible person” in relation to any premises, means the licensee or consumer, or an occupier of the premises, or where there is no consumer or occupier, the owner of the premises or any person authorized by the consumer or occupier to be in charge of the gas pipeline or gas installation in the premises;

“service isolation valve” means a valve installed at or near the boundary line of a property or at the apron of a building for the purpose of controlling or shutting off gas flow;

“valve” means a device used for the purpose of controlling or shutting off gas flow and includes a service isolation valve;

“work” in relation to a gas pipeline or gas installation, means the following work:

- (a) installing a gas pipeline or gas installation;
- (b) constructing, testing, fixing, operating, maintaining, servicing, adjusting, repairing, altering or renewing a gas pipeline or gas installation or the purging of air or gas pipeline;
- (c) changing the position of a gas pipeline or gas installation; or
- (d) removing a gas pipeline or gas installation.

### **3. Scope of application.**

(1) These regulations shall apply in relation to-

- (a) a gas pipeline or gas installation which is supplied or is to be supplied with gas;
- (b) a gas fitting which forms part of the gas pipeline or gas installation; and
- (c) a gas appliance or any part of it used in the gas pipeline or gas installation.

(2) For the purpose of these regulations, a reference to the installation of a gas pipeline includes a reference to the conversion of a pipe, fitting, meter,

equipment, apparatus or appliances in order to use the gas supplied through the pipeline.