



People will value your expertise

Gas is an efficient, cost effective and safe fuel. In the wrong hands, however, it can be lethal. This is why CORGI registration is so important. Using a CORGI Registered Installer provides gas users with peace of mind, which in turn means that your skills will be sought after. Research has always indicated that people are prepared to pay a premium for proven skills because, sensibly, they put their safety first. That's why it makes sense to make CORGI registration the next step for your career development.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND REFERENCES

BPEC

(British Plumbing Employers Council)
0131 225 2255
www.bpec.org.uk

British Gas

0800 107 1033
www.britishgasacademy.co.uk

Energy and Utility Skills

0845 077 9922
www.euskills.co.uk

Summit Skills

0191 490 3306
www.summitskills.org.uk



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The gas industry is facing a serious skills shortage. There aren't enough qualified gas specialists to meet demand. Which presents a great opportunity: A career as a CORGI Registered Installer is challenging and rewarding and with around 20 million homes in the UK using gas, that's a lot of customers!

If you are interested in becoming CORGI registered there are three steps you will need to take:

- 1 Decide what type of gas work you want to do. A chat with a CORGI Registered Installer, your local college or careers advisor may help.
- 2 Follow the necessary training programme in conjunction with an 'On-Job Placement' to gain experience and certification.
- 3 Apply for CORGI registration.

Who is CORGI?

CORGI is the organisation appointed by the Health and Safety Executive to maintain a register of competent gas installers in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man.

It is a legal requirement for any business carrying out gas related work, in relevant premises, to be registered with CORGI.

Businesses have to renew their registration with CORGI annually and all gas operatives must renew their certificates of gas safety competence every five years.

In addition to this, CORGI is tasked with the continued promotion of gas safety.

Accepted Entry into the Gas Industry

You will need to gain qualifications and gas work experience in one of the following ways before applying for CORGI registration:

- Obtain a National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) or a Scottish Vocational Qualification (SVQ) in Gas Services, Installation and Maintenance at levels two or three.
- Obtain an NVQ/SVQ in an aspect of Mechanical Engineering associated with documented gas work experience.

NVQ/SVQs in gas work categories generally take between 18 and 36 months to complete depending on qualifications being studied and the amount of previous gas work experience.

- You may wish to undertake a significantly shorter track through the NVQ/SVQ 'Appliance Pathway Route', which enables you to concentrate on specific areas of gas work. If, for example, you intended to work only on domestic central heating appliances and equipment, you could study and gain the core competency (CCN1) and then one other qualification, which will include all of

the competencies needed to install, service and maintain that specific type of appliance. This means that you could be qualified in approximately 6 months. Please note that if in the future you wish to undertake gas work in other areas, you will need to gain further qualifications.

Who can help?

Most colleges offer a programme either studying full time or while maintaining a part time job. Some larger gas businesses may even offer apprenticeships, which is always worth investigating.

CORGI's remit for gas safety does not extend to offering training or assessment but you can find out more by contacting the National Training Organisation, Energy & Utility Skills who will talk you through the requirements for the type of work you want to do and will be able to tell you about local colleges that can help.

What happens after qualification?

Once you have obtained a valid certificate of gas safety competence and have gained a sufficient level of gas work experience, you will be eligible to:

- Work for a CORGI registered business
- Work as a sole trader and register your business with CORGI

Being a CORGI Registered Installer is a highly responsible role, for which your skills will be much in demand. Only trained, competent and experienced gas workers can become registered and it is they who protect the public from the potential dangers of unsafe gas installations.

Applying for CORGI registration

Simply contact CORGI on 0870 401 2300 for an information pack and fill in the appropriate form, returning it with a small deposit. You will then receive further information and details of a Pre-Registration Assessment that will be carried out by a CORGI Inspector.

It is important that valid certificates of gas safety competence and evidence of gas work experience are held prior to applying for CORGI registration as without them an application cannot be accepted.

How you'll benefit

- CORGI is committed to promoting gas safety and the legal need to use CORGI Registered Installers to the general public
- The public are directed to local registered installers from our website and in response to telephone enquiries
- Access to the industry's leading trade magazine, GAS Installer, which contains the latest technical information, industry news and more
- A telephone helpline providing technical advice and guidance
- Access to free technical installer events held all around the country
- Special merchandise is available to you including technical manuals, business stationery and vehicle signage
- The public know and trust CORGI Registered Installers and businesses. It is the first thing they look for and your authorisation should be one of the first things they ask to see. It's the proof that gives them confidence in your skills and training