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CPA1 QUALIFICATION (Combustion Performance Analysis)

There is still confusion over who needs to have completed this assessment. We have been in contact with Gas Safe to get a definitive answer. Basically there are three options available to engineers depending on the type of work they carry out. Please read the following very carefully to see which one applies to you.

OPTION 1

Engineers who currently hold CEN1 (CH Boilers) and/or HTR1 (Gas Fires) and carry out work on appliances where the manufacturer's instructions require the use of an ECGA (Electronic Combustion Gas Analyser) for servicing, repairing or commissioning*. These engineers are required to currently hold CPA1 before they can carry out this type of work, although they can use the services of another engineer who has completed CPA1 to carry out that part of the procedure.

*The majority of boilers produced over the last few years and flueless gas fires will probably fall into this category

OPTION 2

Engineers who do not fit into the above option but are due for re-assessment or initial assessment for CEN1 and/or HTR1 will need to complete and pass the CPA1 assessment as a pre-requisite before they can take these two assessments.

OPTION 3

Engineers who currently have CEN1 and/or HTR1 which are not due to expire until after 01/04/2012 will need to have completed and pass CPA1 by that date. Engineers who do not complete CPA1 by 01/04/2012 will have these categories suspended from their registration until they have successfully completed the assessment.

ESSENTIAL ELECTRICS QUALIFICATION

The Electricity at Work Regulations require anybody who works on electricity to have received training and assessment in the areas within which they work. If you change components within a boiler or controls then you will fall within this category. The Essential Electrics course covers the minimum requirements for you to comply with the regulations. Please note that in line with other assessments these only last for five years before they are due for renewal. We are regularly running the Essential Electrics course on its own and also combining it with the Central Heating Controls and Fault Finding.

IMPORTANT RENEWAL INFORMATION

All ACS assessments are now renewed on a similar basis to the MOT Certificate. Assessments may be taken up to 6 months in advance, and any remaining time will be added onto the end. As an example if a category expires 01/07/10 then this may be taken any time after 01/02/10. If it was taken on 01/02/10 the category will then expire on 01/07/15 (five years PLUS the remaining time left).

We still offer the following courses & assessments:

- Core Natural Gas Safety & appliances
- Core LPG Safety (PD/RPH/LAV/B) and appliances
- OFTEC 101, 105E & 600
- Energy Efficiency
- Unvented Hot Water
- Water Regulations

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