The Gas Licensing Regulations

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Chapter G-4.1 Reg 1 (effective July 8, 1988) as amended by Saskatchewan Regulations 34/91, 63/92, 75/2014 and 12/2020.

NOTE:

This consolidation is not official. Amendments have been incorporated for convenience of reference and the original statutes and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. In order to preserve the integrity of the original statutes and regulations, errors that may have appeared are reproduced in this consolidation.

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The Gas Licensing Act

Title

1 These regulations may be cited as *The Gas Licensing Regulations*.

Definitions

2 In these regulations:

"Act" means The Gas Licensing Act;

"domestic installation" means an installation in a dwelling and any other installation where:

- (a) the total combined gas load does not exceed 205 kilowatts (700,000 btu) per hour; and
- (b) individual appliance load does not exceed 117 kilowatts (400,000 btu) per hour;

"permit" means a permit issued pursuant to *The Gas Inspection Act*. 14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s3.

Gas fitter's licence

- **3**(1) The director may issue a gas-fitter's licence to any person who:
 - (a) satisfies the director that the person is qualified to perform the work authorized in the licence and intends to exercise care, diligence and skill to engage honestly and in good faith in the regular business authorized by that licence; and
 - (b) has completed or holds:
 - (i) a gas-fitter's certificate, gas exam score or equivalent proficiency certificate recognized by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission or other training institution pursuant to section 3.2; or
 - (ii) valid qualifications from another province or territory of Canada that are equivalent to the qualifications or proficiency certificate qualifications required in Saskatchewan for the appropriate class of licence.
- (2) The holder of a gas-fitter's licence may work for a licensed contractor on all gas installations and equipment specified in the holder's licence and in the licence held by the contractor.

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- (3) The classes of gas-fitter's licences are the following:
 - (a) general gas-fitter;
 - (b) domestic gas-fitter, which entitles the holder to only perform domestic installations;
 - (c) restricted gas-fitter and temporary restricted gas-fitter, which entitles the holder to only perform work of gas installation specified in the restrictions placed in the licence.
- (4) The director may determine the restrictions that may be placed on a gas-fitter's licence pursuant to this section, and those restrictions must be stated in the licence.

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Advisory committees

- **3.1**(1) The director may establish one or more advisory committees to do the following:
 - (a) assist the director in:
 - (i) developing and revising the program for licensing gas-fitters;
 - (ii) assessing an applicant's past experience and training;
 - (iii) developing and revising examinations;
 - (iv) assessing an applicant's activities to support renewal of a licence;
 - (v) assessing educational institutions for the purpose of section 3.2;
 - (b) provide guidelines for the evaluation of candidates' experience and training;
 - (c) make recommendations to the director respecting:
 - (i) amendments to these regulations and new regulations; and
 - (ii) any matter relating to the administration of these regulations.
- (2) An advisory committee must include:
 - (a) at least one representative of the ministry;
 - (b) at least one representative from the chief inspector's office;
 - (c) at least one representative of Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission;
 - (d) at least one representative of the Mechanical Contractors' Association of Saskatchewan; and
 - (e) any other persons considered necessary by the director.
- (3) A representative of the ministry is to be the chairperson of an advisory committee.

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(4) The minister shall cause all guidelines developed pursuant to clause (1)(b) to be made public in any manner the minister considers appropriate, including posting them on the ministry's website.

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Examinations conducted other than by ministry

- **3.2** On the recommendation of the director, the ministry may arrange for examinations to be prepared, scheduled, held, marked and otherwise administered by:
 - (a) the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission; or
 - (b) an educational or other institution acceptable to the ministry.

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General contractor's licence

- **4**(1) A general contractor's licence may be issued to any person who:
 - (a) satisfies the director that the person is qualified to perform the work authorized in the licence and intends to exercise care, diligence and skill to engage honestly and in good faith in the regular business authorized by that licence; and
 - (b) provides:
 - (i) a guarantee bond in the penal sum of \$10,000; or
 - (ii) if the principal under the guarantee bond has had a claim against that bond or had that bond cancelled for cause, a guarantee bond in the penal sum of \$30,000.
- (2) Holders of general contractor's licences may engage in the business of, and advertise and hold themselves out as, contractors.
- (3) The holder of a general contractor's licence may employ, for the purpose of assisting a licensed gas-fitter in performing work of gas installation:
 - (a) persons who are apprentices in trades, including a steam fitter pipe-fitter, plumber or refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic technician, that are recognized by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission and who have a gas exam score, equivalent to a gas-fitter certificate; or
 - (b) a person who holds valid qualifications from another province or territory of Canada that are equivalent to the qualifications or proficiency certificate qualifications required in Saskatchewan to work in the apprenticeship trade or other designated trade mentioned in clause (a).

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Domestic contractor's licence

- **5**(1) A domestic contractor's licence may be issued to any person who:
 - (a) satisfies the director that the person is qualified to perform the work authorized in the licence and intends to exercise care, diligence and skill to engage honestly and in good faith in the regular business authorized by that licence; and
 - (b) provides:
 - (i) a guarantee bond in the penal sum of \$10,000; or
 - (ii) if the principal under the guarantee bond has had a claim against that bond or had that bond cancelled for cause, a guarantee bond in the penal sum of \$30,000.
- (2) Holders of a domestic contractor's licence may:
 - (a) engage in the business of, and advertise and hold themselves out as contractors of domestic installations; and
 - (b) undertake work only on domestic installations.
- (3) The holder of a domestic contractor's licence may employ, for the purpose of assisting a licensed gas-fitter in performing work of gas installation:
 - (a) persons who are apprentices in trades, including a steam fitter pipe-fitter, plumber or refrigeration and air conditioning mechanic technician, that are recognized by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission and who have a gas exam score, equivalent to a gas-fitter certificate; or
 - (b) a person who holds valid qualifications from another province or territory of Canada that are equivalent to the qualifications or proficiency certificate qualifications required in Saskatchewan to work in the apprenticeship trade or other designated trade mentioned in clause (a).

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Restricted contractor's licence

- **5.1**(1) A restricted contractor's licence may be issued to any person who:
 - (a) demonstrates to the director competence in the regular business authorized by that licence; and
 - (b) provides:
 - (i) a guarantee bond in the penal sum of \$10,000; or
 - (ii) if the principal under the guarantee bond has had a claim against that bond or had that bond cancelled for cause, a guarantee bond in the penal sum of \$30,000.

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- (2) The holder of a restricted contractor's licence may engage in the business of and advertise as a restricted contractor.
- (3) No individual who is issued a restricted contractor's licence shall do any work of gas installation except the work that is specified in the licence.
- (4) The director may determine the restrictions that may be placed on a licence pursuant to this section, and those restrictions are to be stated in the licence.

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Employer's licence

- **6**(1) An employer's licence may be issued to any person who satisfies the director that he employs a licensed gas-fitter to take charge of the installation and maintenance of gas piping and equipment on, over or under the business premises of that person.
- (2) The holder of an employer's licence may, only with respect to gas installations and equipment installed or to be installed on the holder's property, employ any licensed gas-fitter to make, repair and maintain those installations.
- (3) Repealed. 14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s4.

15 Jly 88 cG-4.1 Reg 1 s6; 14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s4.

Supply house licence

7 A supply house licence may be issued to any person who satisfies the director that the person meets the requirements to properly conduct the sale of gas equipment and gas appliances and that it is not contrary to the public interest to do so.

14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s5.

Unlicensed employees

8 No holder of a licence issued pursuant to these regulations shall require or permit any employee who is not a licensed gas-fitter to perform any work for which a licence is required, except as an assistant to and under the direct supervision of a licensed gas-fitter.

14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s5.

Suspension

- **9**(1) A licence may be suspended where there is a violation by the holder of the licence of any provision of the Act, these regulations, *The Gas Inspection Act*, the regulations pursuant to *The Gas Inspection Act* or any written order issued by an inspector pursuant to *The Gas Inspection Act*.
- (2) Where a licence is suspended, the holder of the licence shall immediately on being notified of the suspension by the director return:
 - (a) the licence to the director; and
 - (b) any permits in his possession to the chief inspector.

15 Jly 88 cG-4.1 Reg 1 s9.

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Duplicate copy

10 If a licence is lost or destroyed, the director may issue a duplicate copy on payment of the fee set out in Table 1 of the Appendix.

14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s6.

Expiry date

11 The expiry date of a licence is one year or three years, at the option of the applicant for the licence, from the date of its issuance.

 $15\,\mathrm{Jly}~88\,\mathrm{cG}\text{-}4.1~\mathrm{Reg}~1~\mathrm{s}11;\,14~\mathrm{Feb}~2020~\mathrm{SR}$ $12/2020~\mathrm{s}7.$

FEES

Licence fees

12 An applicant for a licence shall pay the fees set out in Table 1 of the Appendix. 15 Jly 88 cG-4.1 Reg 1 s 12.

Refund

- **13**(1) Subject to subsection (2), if a holder of a licence issued for a term of three years surrenders that licence within one year after the date of its issuance, the holder is entitled to a refund equal to 50% of the fee paid for the licence.
- (2) No refund is payable pursuant to this section if the licence holder:
 - (a) has not:
 - (i) returned to the director the holder's licence; and
 - (ii) returned or accounted to the chief inspector for any permits in the holder's possession;
 - (b) has gas installation work identified as defective at the time of application for the refund;
 - (c) has a suspended licence; or
 - (d) owes fees to the ministry for any permits or inspections.

14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s8.

Propane distributor

14 Where a person pays the fee for a propane distributor's licence and meets the requirements for contractors set out in these regulations, the person paying the fee is entitled to a contractor's licence without paying the fee prescribed for a contractor's licence.

15 Jly 88 cG-4.1 Reg 1 s14.

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Appendix

Table 1 [Section 12]

LICENCE FEES

		Licence Fee \$		
Item	Type of Licence	One-year Term	Three-year Term	Duplicate
1	General gas-fitter's licence	25	75	25
2	Domestic gas-fitter's licence	25	75	25
3	General contractor's licence	100	300	25
4	Domestic contractor's licence	100	300	25
5	Restricted contractor's licence	100	300	25
6	Employer's licence	100	300	25
7	Supply house licence	100	300	25
8	Propane distributor's licence (refillable cylinders only)	30	90	25
9	Propane bulk storage and filling plants	150	450	25
10	Out-of-province propane distributor	150	450	25

14 Feb 2020 SR 12/2020 s9.