



**ACS.CENWAT  
SAFETY ASSESSMENT CRITERIA  
INITIAL.DOMESTIC  
NATURAL GAS AND LPG  
CENTRAL HEATING/HOT WATER BOILERS  
AND CIRCULATORS, COMBINATION  
BOILERS, STORAGE WATER HEATERS AND  
INSTANTANEOUS WATER HEATERS**

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**Introduction**

Tests gas safety competence to install, exchange, commission, disconnect, service, repair and breakdown of domestic gas fired central heating/hot water boilers and circulators, combination boilers, storage water heaters and instantaneous water heaters of heat input  $\leq 70$  kW.

CBs may adopt Competence and Criteria numbering different to that given in this document.

CB documentation may adopt wording for criteria different to that used in this document, provided the meaning is unaffected.

**Appliance range**

Open flue and balanced flue (natural draught and fan assisted) for all appliance types and flueless instantaneous water heaters including:

- Stirling engine micro-generation appliances.
- Appliances designed to be installed to BS6798 that are providing heating to swimming pools by means of an indirect heat exchanger.

This Assessment does not address certain LPG water heater models specifically designed for the LPG Sector, and addresses only those models that can be installed fully in accordance with BS 5546 and/or BS 6798.

**Pre-requisites**

CCN1 (taken since April 2012) OR equivalent change over elements)

or  
QCF or S/NVQ.

**Exclusions**

Installation, servicing or repair of hot or cold water supplies to or from the appliance, cold water tanks, water taps to sinks/baths, showers, hot water cylinders, radiators, water valves, associated plumbing systems equipment, the penetration of building fabric, opening of voids, lifting of flooring, electricity.

Swimming pool boilers covered by HWB1.

**References and normative documents**

Appliance MIs.

All relevant documents as listed in the Legislative, Normative & Informative Document List (LINDL), Inc.:

- HSL56
- BS 6798
- BS 5546
- BS 7967
- GIUSP (TB001); TB 021; TB013.
- TB143

ACS.SMB.003.ACDND identifies Normative Documents that should be held by ACs.

## Abbreviations

AC. Assessment Centre

I. Initial

MIIs. Manufacturer's/manufacturers' instructions

OP. Operating pressure

Ref. Reference.

<b>PERFORMANCE CRITERIA</b>		<b>REF</b>	<b>I</b>
1.	check appliance assembly complete and fit for use and purpose		√
2.	isolate gas supply prior to work		√
3.	install ventilation correctly		√
4.	seal appliance correctly to room-sealed fanned draught chimney configuration		√
5.	re-establish gas supply		√
6.	check work carried out is gas tight		
7.	ensure appliance is correctly located, level and stable		√
8.	dismantle and clean appliance operational gas safety components, e.g. burners, primary air ports, combustion chambers and flue ways (serviced and maintained), using appropriate cleaning methods and agents, to MIIs		√
9.	<b>commission appliance:</b>		
(i)	purge of air		√
(ii)	check OP/heat input of appliance		√
(iii)	check burners flame picture, stability and ignition		√
(iv)	check user controls are operating correctly		√
(v)	check safety control devices are operating correctly		√
(vi)	check temperature controls are operating correctly		√
(vii)	select correct electronic flue gas analyser and connect correctly to sampling point		√
(viii)	measure combustion performance to MIIs		√
(ix)	adjust appliance to give correct temperature rise and output (using a combination boiler or instantaneous water heater)		√
10.	check flues are sound and operating correctly		√
11.	recognise defects on gas safety components (see PPs clause 2 (iv))		√
12.	explain safe operation and use of appliance		√
13.	check air/gas ratio setting is correct		√
<b>KNOWLEDGE &amp; UNDERSTANDING</b>		<b>REF</b>	<b>I</b>
1.	identifying unsafe conditions		√
2.	diagnosing gas safety faults		√
3.	effect of ineffective appliance case seals		√
4.	suitable and unsuitable appliance room/space locations		√
5.	clearances- proximity of combustible materials - fire proofing of compartments		√
6.	operation of mechanical and electrical gas safety control devices		√
7.	condensate removal and disposal		√
8.	principle of adjustment of air/gas ratio valves		√
9.	CO and combustion ratio checks using an ECGA when commissioning a condensing boiler incorporating air/gas ratio control valve technology		√
10.	2 or more domestic central heating boilers fitted within a single space with an aggregate total in excess of 70kW	BS6798 (Scope)	√