

**Gas Industry Liaison Group
Notes and Actions
Thursday 9th February 2017 at 10.00am
Energy & Utility Skills, Friars Gate, 1011 Stratford Road, Shirley.**

1. Attendance/Apologies.

Paul Smoker (PS)	Dixon Car Phone
Ian Moss (IM)	Energy & Utility Skills
Malcolm Greetham (MG)	Energy & utility Skills
Bruce Bennett (BB)	Gas Safe Register
David Dumaresq-Lucas (DDL)	Brookhouse Training
Barry Matthews (BM)	OPGO
Tony Hopton (TH)	Home Serve
Simon Fisher (SF)	National Grid Metering
Joe Beesley (JB)	Fusion Engineering
Tahsina Khan (TK)	ICOM
Jonathan Kane (JK)	Kane International

Apologies

Reuben Smith	SWAT Gas
Mike Walton	OPGO
Peter Winnett	Riello Burners
Ben Kutcha	Quantic Corporation
Mick Hallam	ROMECC
Bill Dyer	T Brown Group
Michael Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Neill Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Andy Brewer	ENGIE

2. Minutes from previous GILG meeting (17. 11. 16)

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

Matters arising not included in the agenda

3. Standards Consultation Forum - update.

3.1. ISU 067 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 2: Location, housing and compounds Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 2: Location, housing and compounds, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.2. ISU 068 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 3: Fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 3: Fabrication, installation, testing and commissioning, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.3. ISU 069 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 4: Operation and Maintenance Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 4: Operation and Maintenance, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.4. ISU 070 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 5: Notices and Labels Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 5: Notice and Labels, has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.5. ISU 071 IGEM/GM/8 Non-domestic meter installation Part 1: Design Edition 2.

Industry Standard IGEM/GM/8 Non-Domestic meter installations Part 5: Design has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- CMA1/CESP1/
- CMET1
- CMET2
- REGT2

3.6. ISU 072 IGEM/UP/4 Edition 4 Commissioning of gas-fired plant on industrial and commercial premises.

Industry Standard IGEM/UP/4 Edition 4, Commissioning of gas fired plant on industrial and commercial premises has been recently revised throughout to update terms, references to Legislation and other Standards.

Review of ACS matters of gas safety assessments required:

- Directly
 - CCP1

- Indirectly
 - CCLNG1
 - CLE1
 - COCN1
 - CIGA1
 - CORT1
 - CDGA1

3.7. Old Normative references in LPG assessments when NG operatives only get assessed on current references.

An issue surrounding the use of old normative references in the LPG MoGS had been raised at a previous meeting, a solution would be to replace the references with up to date references from current normative standards i.e. LPG codes of practice, BSI or IGEM standards. It was agreed by the group that MG with help from UKLP would take a look at this.

Action MG/RH: identify replacements to the non-current normative references.

3.8. CMA3

IM notified the group that a number of issues have arisen over the application of the new CMA3 criteria with regard to the 'Pipework' content. Currently individuals who are assessed via the CMA3 criteria do not have Pipework on the Gas Safe Register cards, this causes issues with the employers and OAMI. IM stated that this issue was to be discussed with the employers at various network groups i.e. SCF, MAMCoP and the NSAP Metering group. A paper would be discussed at the GILG meeting.

Action IM: produce paper for discussion at the next SCF and GILG meetings.

3.9 Category 1, 2, and 3 entry levels

IM notified the group, that the entry levels to ACS i.e. Category 1, 2 and 3 were to be looked at, also the criteria for Limited scope and movement from one 'Core' to another e.g. Domestic to Non-Domestic would be assessed. An SCF working group will provide a proposal paper for discussion at the various networks groups e.g. SCF and GILG.

4. Member's items.

4.1. RQF, Trailblazer Standards, MLP's and NOS:

IM outlined the following routes to registration and the different ways in which they are being used in the UK:

- Regulated Framework Qualifications (RCF): these are the traditional qualifications that have been used in the UK under various formats, for example QCF was the previous type framework qualifications used across England and Wales with SCQF type qualifications for Scotland. With the introduction of Trailblazer Apprenticeships a number of framework qualifications are due to be removed (England only) during the coming year.
- Trailblazer Standards: Introduced for England only, these are apprenticeships and include an 'End Point assessment' to measure the competence of the learner rather than the continuous assessment regime as used in a framework qualification. Employers wishing to draw down funding for new apprenticeship intakes (England

only) will need to use the Trailblazer route. However, they could include a Framework qualification within the apprenticeship but that would not replace the need for an 'End Point Assessment'. Apprenticeships in the devolved nations i.e. Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland would need to use Framework Qualifications.

- Managed learning Programmes: these are not framework qualifications but are a method of learning and would be required to link to an independent Assessment e.g. ACS to enable the individual to register with Gas Safe.
- National Occupational Standards (NOS): although not a qualification as such, the NOS are the Occupational Standards that relate directly to Framework qualifications. The NOS for Smart Metering and Downstream gas have recently been amended.

4.2. Apprenticeship Certificates:

PS raised a potential issue with the Apprenticeship certificates that are produced by Energy and Utility Skills. The issue being is that there is a generic description for the individual's Award on the front of the certificate that remains the same whether the individual for example installs cookers or is an Emergency Response engineer. However, the detail for the Award is recorded on a second page of the certificate and should be accepted by employers as a form of evidence.

4.3. Capita Certification Scheme

A new Certification Scheme was recently launched by Capita. This scheme can be used by Gas Employers as a method to produce a Quality Management system but it is not a route to registration, unlike the Group Competence Scheme that is available via Energy and Utility Skills.

4.4. Jonathan Kane:

Jonathan introduced himself and his company to the group, in that they manufacture 'Flue Gas analysers' for both the UK and European markets. They are also involved with CoGDEM i.e. the 'Council of Gas Detection and Environmental Monitoring' who are actively involved in the prevention of Carbon Monoxide incidents.

5. IGEM/IG/1

5.1. Implementation Process

IM provided an update on the implementation of IGEM/IG/1 standard in that the Awarding organisations are being independently assessed by an auditor appointed by the SMB, these Audits should be completed by the end of June with full implementation being targeted for the 1st October 2017.

6. Job Practice Analysis (ACS scheme).

Following the evaluation by a SCF working group of the domestic Matters of Gas Safety criteria documents, a proposal for a new re-assessment strategy is being worked on by a SCF working group. Once the proposal has been drafted, it will be circulated to the GILG and SCF for comment.

7. Group Competence Scheme

IM updated the group on the Group Competence Scheme in that, the following companies are nearing certification to use the Group Competency Scheme Dencohappel, Advanti Gas and Aaron Services. Also, Stroma Certification have been accredited by UKAS to certificate the ISO 17021 scheme.

8. Trailblazer Standards

- Smart Metering: The Dual Fuel Smart metering apprenticeship is being delivered by a number of Employers via their designated Training Providers. Apprentices with Gateshead College and E.ON are scheduled to complete the apprenticeship programme.

- Gas engineering: The Standard and Assessment Plan has been approved along with the funding cap. The Rules of Combination and the associated training units are also available by Employers. The scheme is just waiting for its first starts.
- Additional Standards: There are opportunities for Industry to identify other sectors for the development of additional trailblazer apprenticeships. Any such groups need to identify the area they wish to develop an apprenticeship standard by informing Energy & Utility Skills and providing 10 letters of support from employers including at least one SME. All trailblazer apprenticeship are to be supported by a professional body.

9. AOB

TH: Asked the question whether GCS certificates are valid for five years if the individual leaves the employer where they gained that certificate. The answer is Yes, as once they have completed their re-certification through the Group Scheme they are then downloaded to the Gas Safe Register for a five year period.

SF: Informed the group that there are a number of medium pressure installations being re-installed as part of the Smart Metering programme with Low Pressure regulators.

Date of next meetings: to be held at EU Skills, Friars Gate, 1011, Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BN.

Wednesday 10th May 2017

Wednesday 16th August 2017

Wednesday 15th November 2017