

**Gas Industry Liaison Group
Notes and Actions
Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 10.00am
Energy & Utility Skills, Friars Gate, 1011, Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BN**

1. Attendance/Apologies.

Reuben Smith	SWAT Gas (Chair)
Ian Moss (IM)	Energy & Utility Skills (Secretariat)
Bruce Bennett (BB)	Gas Safe Register
Paul Smoker (PS)	Knowhow
Ricky Strudwick (RS)	Knowhow
Bill Dyer (BD)	T Brown Group
Andy Cartidge (AC)	National Grid Metering
Peter Platten (PP)	GTS
Steve Allitt (SA)	Heat Pro Ltd
John Forest (JF)	GATC
James McConnell (JMc)	BTC
Andy Brewer (AB)	ENGIE
Jamie Cooper (JC)	Omegaflex Ltd

Apologies

Michael Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Neill Ovenden	Domestic Gas Services
Laurah Hutchinson-Strain	HHIC
Joe Beesley	Corgi Services
Tony Hopton	Home Serve
Stephen Simcott	Scottish Power
Mick Hallam	Royal Mail Property & Facilities Solutions
Steve Mullin	the AA
Ben Kutcha	Quantic Corporation
Malcolm Greetham	Energy & Utility Skills

2. Minutes from previous GILG meeting (12.09.18)

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and agreed.

Note 1 (AOB)

PS: there are reported instances where an individual have their ACS assessments awards removed from the Gas Safe Registered.

The reason for the removal can be down to the ACS centre rather than the individual who holds them.

Action BB: to inquire regarding the processes involved that supports this action.

3. Standards Consultation Forum - update.

The following revised standards are being considered in relation to their impact on the MoGS criteria, the review period will run to the 31st August 2019 and will be subject to discussions at the SCF:

3.1. ISU 082: IGEM/GM/7A: Electrical connections for gas metering equipment.

- 3.2. **ISU 083: IGEM/GM/7B: Hazardous area classification for gas metering equipment.**
- 3.3. **ISU 084 UK:PG CoP 25: 2018: LPG Central Storage and Distribution Infrastructure for Multiple Consumers.**
- 3.4. **ISU 085: IGEM/UP/11: Gas for Educational establishments.**
- 3.5. **ISU 086 IGEM/UP/17: Edition 2 Shared chimney and flue systems for domestic gas appliances.**

3.6. Safe Electrical Isolation.

IM reminded the members of a proposal to include Safe Electrical Isolation in the MoGS criteria. This subject has now been discussed many times without a firm outcome being achieved. However, the SMB agreed for the subject to be included in the discussions at the next Technical Working Group to see how criteria could be included in the MoGS. It was stressed, however, that the criteria need to be 'Safe Electrical Isolation' and NOT detailed electrical testing. It was also noted that safe electrical isolation could be included as pre-requisite to ACS by including criteria in the appropriate training specifications, irrespective of inclusion in MoGS.

3.7 Pre-requisites

IM notified the group that MG has produced a draft paper (see attached) that outlines the necessary pre-requisites for ACS Cores and other ACS elements. The paper requires further discussion and will be discussed at future meetings of the GILG.

4. Member Items

4.1. Commercial Catering Canopies (GTS)

Steve Allitt presented a paper (see attached) regarding the testing requirements for gas safe registered engineers working on commercial Catering Canopies. Currently the canopies are being tested using a CO2 analyser, however, the methods suggested in the paper align to those used for opened flued appliances. After further discussions the following actions were agreed:

Action ALL: Read attached paper and provide feedback to Ian Moss by Friday 18th January 2019.

Action MG: make a request to BSI regarding attendance at the BS 6173 panel

Action MG: Present paper at CESRB

Action IM: raise at the next SCF meeting (12.03.18)

4.2. Trailblazer Standards

Paul Smoker updated the group regarding their apprentices that are currently undertaking a Gas engineering apprenticeship. The candidates have completed their ACS which takes place prior to the End Point Assessment, the categories for registration are to be CCN1, CKR1, LE11, LAU, LPG changeover, plus PD, RPH, LAV and Boats.

There has been issues regarding the training, as the candidates initially completed an IGEM/IG/1 approved training programme for domestic gas but completed a non-accredited programme for the LPG. However, as the programmes included on-site work experience the training programmes have been accepted for entry onto ACS. The

underlying issue is that a training specification for LPG is not currently available but is being developed.

Action IM: discuss issues with assigned Certification Body.

5. ACS Entry Routes and Changeover Requirements

IM updated the group regarding the implementation of GN8. IM went on to say that there has been a challenge regarding the content of GN8 from Trevor Smallpeice. Following discussions with the SMB it has been agreed that a review meeting will be held with Industry representatives from the GILG, SCF and Awarding Body Committee. RS stated that from his own centre's perspective there needs to be additional guidance to ensure ACS/Training centres are working consistently when providing training for candidates who are extending scope and range of their gas safe registrations.

Action IM: Invite members of the GILG to attend the review meeting planned for Tuesday 8th January 2019.

6. Standard Setting Body re-tender (Ian Moss)

Energy & Utility Skills currently facilitate and manages the SSB, which is funded from Gas Safe Register revenue, via a contract between Capita and Energy & Utility Skills. This contract is due to expire on 31st March 2019. Energy & Utility Skills have been asked to extend the current contract for a 12-month period up to the 31st March 2020. Post April 2019 a Procurement exercise will be facilitated by Capita to appoint an organisation to facilitate and manage the Standard Setting Body from 1st April 2020 for a four-year period.

7. IGEM/IG/1

7.1. LPG Training Specification

IM notified the group that following a meeting with representatives of the LPG industry the draft LPG training specification is to be revised to meet with industry demands. An initial meeting was held on the 29th November with a follow up meeting planned for Wednesday 9th January 2019 at the UKLPG offices in Kenilworth.

7.2. IGEM/IG/1 Governance

The governance for the implementation of IGEM/IG/1 continued to be carried out by IGEM. A series of audits will take place over the next twelve-month period. These audits will include both quality system audits held at the Recognisers of Training premises and a sample of audits at the Training Providers premise.

8. Job Practice Analysis (ACS scheme).

Following prolonged discussions, a final proposal is being finalised. To assist this process, several meetings have been held with Malcolm Greetham, Martin Lyth and Richard Harper. The next steps are to finalise the proposal with the SCF working group early in the new year.

9. AOB

The following points were raised under Any Other Business:

PS: notified the group of a new micro flex

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

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Wednesday 13th March 2019

Wednesday 5th June 2019

Wednesday 11th September 2019

Wednesday 4th December 2019