

GAS SAFE REGISTER

Landlords and employers should check that from 1st April 2009 anyone carrying out work on gas appliances or flues is registered under the new Gas Safe Register. CORGI registration will no longer carry any statutory force. Gas Safe Register deals with all aspects of the downstream gas industry covered by the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998. It covers both piped natural gas and liquid propane gas (LPG) and is there to protect consumers from unsafe gas work and to show them that registered engineers are competent and safe to work with gas.

Gas Safe Register will:

- Raise public awareness of gas safety and the gas register,
- Manage inspection and enforcement,
- Provide technical support and standards updates to registered engineers, and
- Provide facilities for the reporting of notifiable gas work.

The failure of an engineer to register may mean in the commercial sector that there has been a breach of the Building Regulations 2000 and Regulation 3 of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 and in the residential sector as well as a breach of the Building Regulations 2000, residential landlords (including those in the social housing sector) will breach Regulation 36 of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998 if their regular gas appliance checks are not carried out by a person who is registered under the Gas Safe Register.

Further details can be found at www.gassaferegister.co.uk.