

- d) Refrigeration Engineer/fitter craft qualification or N/SVQ – suitable initially for commercial appliance and pipework installation.

Additionally, individuals in this category must provide written evidence to the Assessment Centre confirming that they have undertaken 'on the job' gas installation and/or maintenance training and have experience of gas work that has been carried out under the direct supervision of a competent operative(s) employed by a CORGI registered business that would support their application for the range of assessment to be undertaken. This evidence must be in writing from the employer detailing precisely the areas of gas work previously carried out.

Note: A number of NICEIC Certification approved centres operate a Basic Gas Utilisation training programme that may be suitable to support a Category 2 applicant. Individual centres should be contacted for details.

Category 3

Category 3 individuals are new entrants to the gas industry, as such, they are without a relevant related qualification and/or experience, entering employment for the first time or changing career direction.

An applicant in this category will not be able to provide acceptable evidence of relevant qualifications and gas work experience. Therefore the application is not acceptable.

Individuals in this category are advised to seek training and experience which will result in attainment of a National/Scottish Vocational Qualification (N/SVQ) in Gas Services, Installation and Maintenance at Level II or III or to obtain employment with a CORGI registered business who is willing to provide an auditable extended period of company 'in house' or 'centre based' gas training programme and organisational support to the operative prior to taking ACS assessment.

Note: A number of NICEIC Certification approved centres operate a Basic Gas Utilisation training programme that may be suitable to support a Category 3 individual. Individual centres should be contacted for details.

The duration and content of the training programme will be determined by the scope of gas work to be undertaken. Evidence in the form of a portfolio of the completion of such a training programme must be presented to the Assessment Centre prior to the operative taking assessments.

Alternatively an N/SVQ within the Mechanical Engineering Sector with related on the job gas training and experience in the intended areas of gas work to be carried out will also support a future application.

Individuals should contact their local Assessment Centre for advice if they are unsure of their category, or the requirements relating to it.

All Individuals should declare to the Assessment Centre any situation in the past where: they have been deemed incompetent in matters of gas safety; they have had a gas competency certificate or qualification or CORGI registration withdrawn; they have been dismissed from employment on the grounds of gas safety incompetence. A failure to declare any such issues may invalidate any Certification awarded.