

Technical Bulletin

COVID-19 advice and guidance from Gas Safe Register regarding expiring ACS qualifications for Mitie Gas Engineers



ENGINEERING

Bulletin No. 009

1 April 2020

Key issue for Gas Engineers

My ACS certification is due to expire soon, and I cannot arrange for assessment because my assessment centre is in lock-down due to COVID-19 precautions, can I legally carry out gas work without valid and current ACS certification until I am able to get re-certification?

Advice from Gas Safe Register

“Whilst Engineers are expected to take all reasonable measures to maintain their ACS qualifications, including planning ahead where possible, we appreciate that the current situation means this is not feasible. Maintaining gas safety competence is essential for registered gas engineers.

If engineers take all reasonable steps to update their expired ACS certification as soon as possible after the restrictions are lifted, and continue to work safely, HSE will permit registered gas engineers to remain on the Register for an additional period during the peak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) measures.

Engineers may be required to demonstrate that they have taken reasonable steps to renew their qualifications. Engineers **MUST** maintain their Gas Safe registration during any extension of their ACS qualification period if they are carrying out gas work. **This is a temporary measure and does not remove the standing requirement for registered gas engineers to maintain their ACS certification and renew certification every 5 years.”**

What you must do

Managers – MUST request all renewal ACS training by completing **MES(F)520 Training request booking form** and emailing it to ES Training to comply with the above

Engineers – who’s qualification has just or is running out **MUST ONLY** carry out work covered by their current qualifications to comply with the above. New licence numbers can be requested from ES Training until new cards issued.

