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This Technical Bulletin provides guidance to Gas Safe registered businesses/engineers on the need to be competent and registration requirements when undertaking gas work on leisure accommodation vehicles, residential park homes and holiday accommodation

Introduction

This Technical Bulletin provides guidance on the need to be suitably competent and the gas registration requirements when undertaking gas work on leisure accommodation vehicles (LAVs), residential park homes (RPHs) and holiday accommodation.

Definition of LAV and RPH

The definition of LAV, covers touring caravans that are generally towed behind a suitable vehicle and motor caravans which by their nature are self propelled. Holiday homes are also covered by the definition of LAV and these are specifically designed for holiday accommodation and may come in a variety of designs from the traditional caravan to 'log' cabins. They are generally delivered direct to site.

RPHs are designed for permanent residential accommodation and are generally delivered to site on a low-loader transporter in two or more sections. The sections are then bolted together on site. The RPH will then be connected to the appropriate services, such as drainage, electricity and gas supplies.

The majority of appliances deemed suitable for installation in LAVs will be fuelled by Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), which is a generic term for butane and propane. Propane is the gas most commonly used for static LAVs. The types of gas appliance installed in RPHs are generally the same as those installed in permanent dwellings and can be fuelled either by natural gas or LPG.

Competence

The Health & Safety at Work etc Act (HSWA) 1974 requires any business carrying out gas work in any accommodation (including those referred to in this Technical Bulletin), whether within the scope of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations (GSIUR) 1998, or outside of the regulations, to be competent to carry out such gas work. Competence is defined as a combination of training and experience in the area of work being undertaken. This applies to all operatives, whether they are employed, self employed or a contractor.

A person who carries out gas work must also be registered with Gas Safe Register to carry out gas work in LAVs. The current proof of competence is the Accredited Certification Scheme (ACS) or in certain situations Scottish/National Vocational Qualifications (S/NVQs). In addition, specific manufacturers' training is also advised.

The GSIUR provides specific guidance on what gas work is covered by the regulations and what is deemed to be outside of the regulations.

Examples of gas work within the scope of the GSIUR

- Touring caravans/motor homes hired out in the course of a business;
- Permanently sited caravans on a holiday park;
- RPHs on a site which are hired/rented out;
- Caravans which are being used as an annex to a permanent dwelling, such as a 'granny' flat;
- Caravans used as temporary accommodation for workers, such as on building sites, and farms;
- Caravans used as road side cafés and kebab vans (typically referred to as a mobile catering vehicles), or caravans used at entertainment venues.

Example of gas work outside the scope of the GSIUR

- Gas work carried out on touring caravans **used for private use only** is excluded from the GSIUR.

Some examples of where there is a requirement to be Gas Safe registered

- Installation and repair work carried out by caravan manufacturers where the caravan will be hired out to the public as a business;
- Undertaking gas work on caravans and holiday homes on holiday parks;
- Undertaking gas work on a touring caravan, hired out for use by the general public;
- Carrying out Landlord's Gas Safety Record checks where caravans, holiday homes and similar properties are let-out to holiday makers for a period less than 28 days;
- Undertaking gas work on mobile catering vehicles used by the general public;
- Undertaking gas work on mobile LPG cabinet heaters which are subsequently hired out.

Note 1: For guidance on the legislative/registration/competency requirements for working on mobile LPG cabinet space heaters, see **TB 065**. **TB 065** can be viewed at: <https://engineers.gassaferegister.co.uk> - login and visit the Technical Information area.

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