

# Gas Safety Passport

*demonstrating safety awareness and good practice in the gases industry*

## What is a Gas Safety Passport?

You wouldn't let someone who isn't CORGI\* registered work on your domestic gas boiler or cooker, so why would you let someone carry out hazardous tasks such as welding, cutting or burning without knowing they have been trained to work safely with their gas cylinders and equipment?

Various legislation exists stating that users must have received appropriate safety training, but all too often this has not taken place.

In the UK, companies, contractors or individuals who use gas cylinders for any purpose DO NOT have to be registered with any formal scheme or organisation, neither do they have to pass an examination.

In short, anyone can easily get hold of a gas cylinder and start working on your site – without any training, or any knowledge of the potential hazards!

A **Gas Safety Passport** is your way of knowing that an individual has been formally trained to work safely with gas cylinders and associated equipment.

## So what does a Gas Safety Passport mean?

**It means peace of mind.**

The holder of a valid **Gas Safety Passport** has completed both theory and practical certificated formal training, delivered by Gas Safe, the country's leading provider of specialist gas safety training.

This means they have learned about the hazards and dangers of compressed gases, how to use gas cylinders safely and how to ensure their equipment is in good condition, safe and suitable for the purpose.

The **Gas Safety Passport** card is a robust and secure plastic card, it carries an expiry date and displays a tamper-proof photo of the holder.

\* On 1st April 2009 the Gas Safe Register took over the statutory gas registration scheme in Great Britain from CORGI. The HSE have welcomed CORGI's continued commitment to promote safety.



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## Who is the **Gas Safety Passport** scheme aimed at?

The **Gas Safety Passport** scheme is open to:

- Companies that are contractors who provide staff to undertake work on other companies/organisations sites
- Companies who engage contractors to undertake work on their behalf



If you are a contractor you should ensure that all individual employees who use gas cylinders for any purpose hold a current **Gas Safety Passport** card. This will give your clients piece of mind that they are engaging a respectable company that takes health and safety seriously.

If you are a company or organisation that is going to engage contractors to carry out any task that involves the use of gas cylinders, you should ensure that they are registered with [www.gas-safety-passport.com](http://www.gas-safety-passport.com). You should also ensure that when the individual(s) arrive at your site to commence work, they can produce their personalised valid **Gas Safety Passport** card.

## What training does an individual receive?

In order to receive a **Gas Safety Passport** card an individual must successfully complete two stages of training, both provided by Gas Safe, the country's leading provider of specialist gas safety training:

**Gas Safety Awareness Training.** This theory-only training must be completed first. It can be studied in a traditional instructor-led classroom environment, or via e-learning over the internet. It provides all the essential safety information concerning the safe use, handling, storage and transport of the gases and equipment that a contractor will use.

**Practical Training.** After successfully completing the safety awareness theory training, an individual receives hands-on practical training. This is conducted at the company's premises and gives participants the chance to put their theoretical knowledge into practice, learning how to safely set up gas cylinders and associated equipment.

A **Gas Safety Passport** remains valid for two years, at the end of which time the holder must successfully complete refresher training so the card can be renewed.

**Contact us for full details...** we will work with you to define the most cost effective and convenient way to provide the necessary training to your staff. We have training solutions to meet all budgets and timescales.

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