

What is Type A Appliance Servicing work?

A guide to read before you apply for registration

Do you have the **skills, knowledge and experience** to apply for registration as a plumbing practitioner in the **specialised** class of Type A Appliance Servicing work? To help you, this guide explains some of the typical tasks of Type A Appliance Servicing work. If you are asked to an assessment interview, some of your interview questions will be based on this information.

Get to know the regulation

Under Part 5 of the *Plumbing Regulations 2018*, Type A Appliance Servicing work is:

the internal cleaning, maintenance and adjusting of a Type A appliance and includes the adjustment, repair or replacement of a component of the Type A appliance.

Typical Type A Appliance Servicing work

Gas appliances can vary in size, operating pressure and complexity. They range from small domestic gas space heaters to large industrial steam boilers or industrial furnaces. Victoria's *Gas Safety Act 1997* defines gas appliances as either Type A or Type B.

Gasfitting work with these two appliance types differs in nature, complexity and risk. For this reason, gasfitters need to be qualified for, and experienced with, the type of appliance on which they are working. Experienced Type A gasfitting plumbers typically service domestic and light commercial gas appliances (such as cookers, space heaters, water heaters and leisure appliances).

What do Type A Appliance Servicing plumbers need to know and do?

Type A gasfitters need critical knowledge and skills to ensure the health and safety of the community. What does this mean for you?

As a registered practitioner, you must be able to understand and apply the compliance requirements of Type A Appliance Servicing work. These requirements include:

- AS/NZS 5601.1: Gas Installations.

To undertake Type A Appliance Servicing work to a safe and competent standard, you must also be able to:

- Read a site or building plan and identify gas lines and appropriate locations and clearances for Type A gas appliances
- Read, interpret and apply manufacturer specifications for servicing Type A gas appliances
- Size pipes correctly for different installation jobs
- Identify and calculate ventilation requirements
- Understand the difference between Type A and Type B gas appliances
- Complete a combustion spillage test prior to returning the appliance to service.

What competencies and experience do you need?

The VBA publishes a set of units of competency for each class of plumbing work. Each unit of competency describes a work outcome, all the knowledge and skills needed to do the work to the expected standard, and how the knowledge and skills should be assessed. The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) uses the units of competency to assess your skills and experience if you apply to register in a class of plumbing work.

To be eligible to register in the Type A Appliance Servicing class, you must:

- hold registration in the Gasfitting work class
- have completed CPCPGS4022A Service Type A appliances, **or** demonstrate knowledge and competence equivalent to that unit of competency
- successfully complete the VBA's examination of registration competencies for Type A Appliance Servicing work.

Before applying for registration, please read the current approved units of competency for Type A Appliance Servicing.

The Unit of Competency for Type A Appliance Servicing work is:

- Service Type A gas appliances (CPCPGS4022A).

Your next step

If you are registered in Gasfitting work and think you have the required skills, knowledge and experience in Type A Appliance Servicing work, then go to the [VBA website](#) to learn how to apply for registration in this specialised class of plumbing work.