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### All Change for Gas Accreditation Scheme

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From April 1st this year, the familiar logo of CORGI, which has become synonymous with accreditation for Gas installers, will disappear. The replacement scheme, the all new Gas Safe Register becomes the new, legally required accreditation for anyone installing or working on gas in Great Britain.

- Gas Safe Register deals with all aspects of the downstream gas industry covered by the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998. It covers both piped natural gas and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).
- It is law that anyone carrying out gas work that is within the scope of the Regulations is on the Gas Safe Register from 1st April 2009.
- The register is there to protect consumers from unsafe gas work. Your status as a registered engineer shows consumers you are competent and safe to work with gas.

Whilst the profile of CORGI has been positive over the last few years, the aim of the Gas Safe Register will be to:

- Raise public awareness of gas safety and the gas register,
- Manage inspection and enforcement,
- Provide technical support and standards updates to registered engineers, and
- Provide facilities for the reporting of notifiable gas work.

The new branding is designed to be clear and understandable, with a simple message – Gas, Safe, Register – keep work that involves gas safe. A dedicated helpline will be available for all those enrolled, as of the launch date.

### How does this affect our company?

If you are a new gas installer, you must be enrolled on the scheme before April 1st. If you currently hold CORGI accreditation then you need to be re-registered on the scheme by April 1st.

As registration on the scheme is mandatory, all those who employ contractors will need to re-assess any contractors, to ensure they are familiar with the scheme and have re-enrolled where required. This should be carried out as promptly as possible to ensure compliance and competence in your workforce.

**The Gas Safety Register website is now live [www.gassaferegister.co.uk](http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk) – for more information or assistance on this or any other health and safety issue, please call us on 01327 811822 or email [enquiry@4seerisk.com](mailto:enquiry@4seerisk.com)**

