

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

GAS SAFETY (APPLIANCE WORKER ACCREDITATION CODE) APPROVAL 2002

DISALLOWABLE INSTRUMENT No. DI 2002-187

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Regulation 17A of the *Gas Safety Amendment Regulations 2002* (the Regulations) requires the Chief Executive to approve an accreditation code for the accreditation of people to do gas appliance work.

From 1 January 2003, a new gas appliance worker accreditation scheme will commence. Section 13 of the Act provides that a person must not undertake gas appliance work as defined by the Act, unless accredited to do that work.

The categories of gas appliance worker are:

Type A accreditation

Type A accreditation allows the accredited person to do appliance work on type A appliances in accordance with the gas safety legislation.

Type B accreditation

Type B accreditation allows the accredited person to do appliance work on type B appliances in accordance with the gas safety legislation.

Restricted type B accreditation

Restricted type B accreditation allows the accredited person to do appliance work on type B appliances in accordance with the gas safety legislation and the restrictions specified under the accreditation.

The accreditation code contains eligibility requirements for those wishing to apply for accreditation in each category, and outlines the documentation that must be produced to enable an assessment of the applicant.

The accreditation code enables the Chief Executive to place conditions on an applicants accreditation and suspend or cancel a persons accreditation under certain circumstances. The Chief Executive may also require accredited persons to undertake further training within a specified period.

The Chief Executive can also, by notifiable instrument, declare a scheme of another State or Territory to be an approved scheme, and to approve training courses.