



Do you have pre-1980 gas appliances?

Changes to Western Australia's natural gas supply mean that some domestic natural gas appliances manufactured and installed before 1980 could pose a safety risk and may be replaced free of charge. The changes to the natural gas supply are currently scheduled for early 2012.

APPLIANCE RECTIFICATION PROGRAM

New Laws

The Western Australian Parliament recently made changes to the Gas Standards (Gas Supply and System Safety) Regulations 2000, providing for the broadening of the gas quality specification for natural gas supplied to consumers. Domestic gas consumers will benefit from these changes as it will allow more gas producers access to the market increasing competition and security of supply.

Appliance Rectification Program

It is possible that some pre-1980 domestic natural gas appliances may not perform as well as they should on the changed gas.

Pre-1980 domestic natural gas appliances that may be affected include:

- cookers, such as cook tops, ovens, and freestanding cookers;
- space heaters, including flued, flueless and wall furnaces; and
- water heaters, both storage and instantaneous.

For safety reasons, EnergySafety proposes to prohibit the use, sale and installation of pre-1980 gas appliances that are not inspected and certified as safe, at a date to be determined by the Director of Energy Safety, but prior to the changed gas coming on stream.

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What to do if you think your gas appliance needs replacing

If you have domestic natural gas appliances that were manufactured and installed **before 1980** it is important you contact the Appliance Rectification call centre on 1800 110 464 or complete the application form online at www.gasapplianceprogram.com.au as soon as possible. Following completion of the online form you will be contacted by the call centre to arrange for a licensed gas fitter to inspect the appliance(s) at no cost.

Brand new replacement appliance

If, following inspection the appliance(s) is considered unsuitable for use after the gas supply has changed, you may qualify for a brand new replacement appliance(s) at no cost to you.

For additional information on the program visit

- www.gasapplianceprogram.com.au
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- EnergySafety website www.energysafety.wa.gov.au