

## ANNEX III

### **Definitions**

The following definitions apply in this discussion paper:

#### **Prescribed Electrical Work and Gasfitting**

Terms used in the Electricity Act and Plumbers, Gasfitters and Drainlayers Act to define work which is subject to some controls over how it may be done.

Prescribed electrical work means work that falls into any of the following categories:

- (a) The construction or maintenance of electrical installations;
- (b) The maintenance of electrical appliances;
- (c) The connection or disconnection of works, electrical installations, and electrical appliances to or from a power supply, other than by means of --
  - (i) A plug; or
  - (ii) An appliance inlet; or
  - (iii) A pin --  
that is inserted into a socket outlet;
- (d) The construction or maintenance of works:

Gasfitting means:

- (a) The work of fixing or unfixing pipes (including flue and ventilation pipes) beyond the outlet of any gas measurement system supplying a consumer or gas refueller with gas (or, where there is no such gas measurement system, beyond the custody transfer point of the place at which gas is supplied to a consumer or gas refueller);
- (b) The work of fixing or unfixing pipes (including flue and ventilation pipes) that convey gas from any gas storage container in the possession or control of a consumer or gas refueller, and --
  - (i) In the case of liquefied petroleum gas, that are downstream of the first regulator beyond that container; or
  - (ii) In the case of any other gas or where there is no such regulator (in the case of liquefied petroleum gas), that are downstream of the outlet valve of the container;
- (c) The work of fixing or unfixing the whole or part of the control system of any gas appliance --

but does not include--

- (d) Work on any gas storage container, including its fixing or unfixing; or
- (e) Work on any gas transmission system or distribution system; or
- (f) Work on any pipes or fittings supplied with liquefied petroleum gas from any gas storage container or containers that contains, or together contain, less than 15 kilograms net weight of liquefied petroleum gas; or
- (g) Work in any circumstances where the exclusions in section 3 (2) of the Gas Act 1992 apply.

#### **Registration**

A system that requires a person to have their name entered on a register before they can legally do prescribed electrical or gasfitting work. *(Note that this is different from the meaning of "registration" in the Electricity and Gas Acts.)*

## **Licensing**

A system that requires a person to have been granted a licence based on the attainment of specified requirements, such as qualifications, prior to being authorised to carry out prescribed electrical work and gasfitting work. The issuing of the licence generally includes the entry of the person's name onto a register.

## **Competency**

The attainment of an acceptable level of skills, experience and knowledge. This includes the ability to work safely and achieve safety in completed work.

*Certification of competency includes Certificates of Competence issued or recognised in accordance with the HSE or electricity or gas legislation.*

## **Qualification**

A recognised level of knowledge.

## **Electrical Worker**

A person who carries out electrical work and includes owners of domestic premises or appliances carrying out electrical work on those premises or appliances.

## **Gas Worker**

A person who carries out gas work and includes owners of domestic premises or appliances carrying out gas work on those premises or appliances.

## **Workplace**

Has the same meaning as "place of work" as defined under the HSE Act.

## **Consumer**

Those who consume electricity or gas.

## **Public**

Persons who are not:

- within their own premises or using their own electrical or gas equipment;
- employees or other persons covered by the HSE legislation; or
- electrical or gas workers, while they are doing electrical or gas work.