



USER COMPLIANCE



Pressure Equipment (PER) Regulations

Full conformance to the regulations to be ensured keeping Regulation 6 in mind. All gas installations to conform to the PER including combustion systems which are classified as pressure systems.



Contractors

Contractors to guide users with compliance as to PER and SANS 329 especially as to any deviations to post 2009. A deviations plan to the requirements of the PER and SANS 329 to be established by the user set against target dates achieving progressive compliance. Managing progressive compliance. Labour Inspectors during site visits are to follow up on deviation plan progress/finality.



Maintenance

It is required by Reg 17 to issue a CoC for maintenance work done. Maintenance shall be overseen by a registered gas practitioner. Maintenance plans shall be realised and presented to Labour Inspectors on request. Users are to ensure a maintenance logbook per system and such logbook to record the CoC issued.



Gas Provider

Gas providers by virtue of a Service Legal Agreement has a duty to ensure responsible care of downstream operations. This implies that they are empowered to cease gas supply to systems that are not deemed safe to operate.



Sec 16/GMR 2.1 Appointments

Every chief executive officer shall as far as is reasonably practicable ensure that the duties of his employer as contemplated in this Act are properly discharged. Persons to be appointed in business to conform to OHS Act requirements.



CoC's

Ensure CoC's are issued by a registered gas practitioner for all work done as per Reg 2(1), 6(2)(e) & 17 for all internal and contractor work and records filed as per Reg 14.



Gas Equipment

Industrial gas equipment, as mandated, shall be registered with SAGA and the user shall ensure possession of required permits as per Reg 5 and 17 guidance note (I).



Gas Practitioner

When appointing a person to work on a gas system ensure the person is registered and licensed with SAQCC Gas, being the registration body and confirm the validity and scope of the license of the gas practitioner.



Pre 2009

If an existing installation commissioned before October 2009, is not designed and constructed to the requirements of the PER and SANS 329 as published at that time, the user shall determine that the equipment is designed, maintained, inspected, tested, and operating in a safe manner. The user shall embark on a program of upgrading the system to comply as per the deviations plan.



Post 2009

Where pre-2009 gas installations were maintained under VUP, then status quo remains, but any modifications, repairs, replacement of equipment from pre-2009 period will require conformance to the PER and SANS 329 and no longer be maintained under VUP.

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