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GAS CONFORMITY ON TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

The regulations promulgated in 2009 under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993 states clearly that all gas installations must have a Certificate of Conformity which must be issued by an authorized person registered with the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Association of South Africa (LPGAS).

The certificate must state that the installation has been properly inspected and found to be safe and leak free. Home- owners must understand that such an inspection is not just essential for their insurance policy to remain valid, but that it is conducted to ensure that the installation is safe and their family is not at risk. Regulation 17(3) makes it compulsory for a gas compliance certificate to be obtained, generally by the seller, in the event that a property is transferred from a seller to a purchaser.

The following are examples of gas installations that require a certificate:

- Gas fires/built in gas-braais
- Gas stoves and ovens
- Hot water systems