

Changes in LPG cylinder compliance

On the 1st of December 2017, changes were introduced to the compliance requirements for the storage of LPG. These changes came in under the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The changes effect when more than 100kg of LPG is stored at non-workplaces (e.g. private dwellings).

Previously, when between 100kg to 300kg of LPG is stored at a non-workplace, regulations required there to be a compliance certificate issued by an approved HSNO/WorkSafe compliance certifier.

However, recent changes no longer require a HSNO/WorkSafe compliance certifier to issue a compliance certificate for the storage of between 100kg to 300kg of LPG at non-workplaces.

The EPA is responsible for the Hazardous Substances (Hazardous Property Controls) Notice 2017. This states that, for a non-workplace, if there is between 100kg to 300kg of Liquefied Petroleum Gas on site, the Supplier must ensure the cylinders are in a suitable location. The supplier must established the site is suitable before they can deliver the LPG cylinders.

The suitable site for the LPG cylinders **must** meet the requirements of 11.43(4) of the [Health and Safety at Work \(Hazardous Substances\) Regulations 2017](#). The requirements for the site the LPG cylinder is located have not changed. The information in Appendix J of AS/NZS 5601.1 covers the requirements of 11.43(4) of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017.

For suitable sites, the Supplier **must** issue a Compliance Plaque. The compliance plaque must meet the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2017 require that the Supplier must:

“within 60 days of the first delivery of the substance to the location, fix in a permanent and prominent location a unique numbered compliance plaque confirming compliance with this regulation and an expiry date.”

However, for installations between 100kg to 300kg of LPG at workplaces a compliance certificate issued by a HSNO/WorkSafe compliance certifier is required before LPG can be supplied.

However, a HSNO/WorkSafe Compliance Certifier **must** issue a Compliance Certificate for LPG to be supplied to:

- non-workplaces that have more than 300kg
- workplaces that have between 100kg to 300kg of LPG

In summary, non-workplaces that have installations of between 100kg to 300kg of LPG now require that the Supplier to inspect the site before delivery. If the site complies, the supplier must issue a compliance plaque within 60 days of the first delivery.

Useful links

[Health and Safety at Work \(Hazardous Substances\) Regulations 2017](#)

WorkSafe guidance on [Delivering LPG cylinders](#)

[Hazardous-Substances-Hazardous-Property-Controls-Notice-2017.pdf](#) See Section 27: *Outdoor storage of LPG in quantities more than 100 kg but less than 300 kg*