

Gas Safety Advice for Food Businesses

Competent Gas Engineer

1. When arranging for any work involving gas to be carried out, you must ensure that the engineer is Gas Safe Registered, and competent to work on the particular gas appliances.

Gas Safe Registered businesses can be found on www.gassaferegister.co.uk or by telephoning 0800 408 5500.

2. To assist businesses, the Council has produced a list of local Gas Safe Registered businesses who may be competent to carry out work in catering premises. Should you wish to obtain a copy of the list, please contact Environmental Health.

Passive air supply (or Make-up air)

3. A passive air supply or make-up air is necessary where there are gas appliances. This is to ensure there is sufficient air for complete combustion and cooling. A competent gas engineer should check that there is an adequate passive air supply on new installations/replacements and when carrying out maintenance.

Passive air supply may be provided mechanically (e.g. fan and filter) or naturally (e.g. windows, ventilation grilles and other openings). It is not acceptable for replacement air to be drawn from doors. If provided naturally, a suitable procedure will need to be in place to ensure that the window is open or other source of make up air is in operation during trading hours.

There are a number of options available, and you should seek advice from a competent person or contact Environmental Health.

Interlocking of Gas Supply and Ventilation System

4. When designing and installing commercial kitchens, where there are gas appliances, you must ensure the gas supply and the mechanical ventilation system are 'interlocked' in the following situations:-

- Newly installed kitchens
- New mechanical ventilation systems

You should seek advice from a competent gas or ventilation engineer, or alternatively, contact Environmental Health.

Further detailed information on this matter is available on Catering Information Sheet 23 (Gas Safety in catering and hospitality), produced by the Health and Safety Executive, and available to download free from <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/cais23.pdf>.

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