

Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association of Australia

Connections

Gas Compliance Mark (GCM)

If you search through Google using the words "GCM Style-guide" and download the pdf. File from AGA you will end up with the April version which has been superseded by the June version. There is one crucial difference in that the April version states you have to print the GCM on packaging and this requirement is removed from the June version GAMAA lobbied for the latter. AGA have been alerted and are fixing this anomaly (by the time of this Gas Connections the problem may already have been fixed). In the meantime, if you are using a superseded version of the GCM Style-guide, the latest (June) version can be downloaded from https://www.aga.asn.au/uploads/images/498/03-a-Gas-Safety-Certification-Logo-Style-Guidelines-1June2018.pdf

The same applies with the GTRC Scheme Rules, if you search using the words "GTRC Scheme Rules" through Google, you will end up with Version 1.0. which has been superseded by Version 2.0. The GTRC have been advised and are addressing the problem. The following link gives the correct version (Version 2): http://www.gtrc.gov.au/publications/

Note that Victoria requires the GCM as per the requirements in the GTRC Scheme Rules on all appliances newly certified from the 1st January 2019 onwards and they will require the GCM by 1st January 2020 on all appliances that were certified before 1st January 2019.

Gas industry representation: 2022 National Construction Code (NCC)

As per the article in Gas Connections from 11 February, the' trajectory for low energy buildings' changes regarding energy efficiency (http://www.coagenergycouncil.gov.au/publications/trajectory-low-energybuildings) will be implemented through the National Construction Code 2022 onwards and this will affect gas appliances. A delegation of gas industry association representatives (including representatives from ENA, GEA, AGIG and GAMAA) met with senior representatives of the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), who publish the NCC, on Friday 1st February to discuss the implementation plan and steps and offering our collective assistance. We are pleased to report that the gas industry associations will have a representative on an ABCB working group that will be tasked with drafting the details of the changes. We will keep you posted with updates.