



2011 CHAPTER 6

**PART 1**

**GAS**

*Miscellaneous*

**Powers of entry**

**14.—(1)** Any person authorised by a gas conveyer may at all reasonable times enter any premises to which gas is conveyed by that gas conveyer for the purpose of—

- (a) inspecting the gas system or any gas fittings on the premises;
- (b) removing, inspecting or re-installing any gas meter or installing any substitute meter.

(2) Where a gas conveyer is authorised by section 10—

- (a) to disconnect any premises; or
- (b) to remove a gas meter,

any person authorised by the gas conveyer may at all reasonable times enter the premises for the purpose of disconnecting the premises or removing the meter.

(3) Where—

- (a) a gas conveyer is authorised by any provision of the Gas Order or of regulations made under it to disconnect any premises;
- (b) a person occupying premises which are connected to a distribution system of the gas conveyer ceases to require a connection; or

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(c) a person entering into occupation of any premises connected to a distribution system of a gas conveyor does not require such a connection, any person authorised by the gas conveyor may at all reasonable times enter the premises for the purpose of disconnecting the premises or removing any gas plant provided by the gas conveyor.

(4) Any person authorised by a gas conveyor may at all reasonable times enter any premises for the purpose of placing any new gas plant in the place of or in addition to any existing plant which has already been lawfully placed.

(5) Any person authorised by a gas supplier may at all reasonable times enter any premises to which gas is conveyed by a gas conveyor for the purpose of—

- (a) ascertaining the register of any gas meter; and
- (b) in the case of a pre-payment meter, removing any money or tokens belonging to the supplier.

(6) A power of entry may not be exercised—

- (a) under subsection (1)(b) or (3) unless at least two working days' notice has been given to the occupier (or to the owner of the premises if they are unoccupied);
- (b) under subsection (4) unless at least 5 working days' notice has been given to the occupier (or to the owner of the premises if they are unoccupied).

(7) A person exercising a power of entry under this section must, on request by or on behalf of the owner or occupier of the premises, produce evidence of that person's authority.

(8) Paragraphs 5 to 8 of Schedule 5 to the Gas Order apply in relation to a power of entry conferred by this section as they apply in relation to a power of entry conferred by that Schedule.

(9) In this section “gas system” and “gas fittings” have the same meanings as in Schedule 5 to the Gas Order.

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