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## THE ELECTRONIC GAS COC - TOP 10 FAQs

On the 18th August 2020, SAQCC Gas hosted the first webinar session introducing the dynamics of the electronic CoC. The attendance was astounding, and so was the interaction. This was also an opportunity to raise questions about how the electronic CoC system would work. These are the top 10 questions that were raised:

1. What kind of device can be used to download and use the Electronic CoC App?  
**Answer: Currently the App is downloadable on Android Tablets.**
2. How is the Electronic CoC App downloaded?  
**Answer: SAQCC Gas will send a link to all registered Gas Practitioners to download the App via an App Store.**
3. How much will each electronic CoC be?  
**Answer: R15.00 per CoC**
4. Who will be selected to test the App?  
**Answer: Each of the four SAQCC Gas associations will recruit practitioners to test the system.**
5. Will Gas Practitioners be refunded for the leftover hard copies of the CoC?  
**Answer: SAQCC Gas will ensure a long enough phase-out period is allocated to ensure Gas Practitioners are not left with any hard copy CoCs.**
6. Does the Electronic CoC cover domestic, commercial and industrial installations?  
**Answer: Yes**
7. How long is the CoC valid for?  
**Answer: The CoC is valid until any modification/alterations, maintenance and repair work are made to the installation where upon a new CoC will be issued.**
8. If a Gas Practitioner's license has expired, will they be able to access the system?  
**Answer: Yes, but will not be able to issue a CoC.**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MARKETING DIRECTOR



I am hugely encouraged by the attendance at our first three digital CoC webinars. Not only was the attendance great but the questions and interest shown indicate that such webinars are of vital importance. Don't worry if you happened to miss these, we will be hosting more webinars throughout the next few months.

Comments received from the attendees varied between, "this app will help with our fight against unregistered installers", to "this app will reduce the about of practitioners working illegally and not working in accordance to the PER and the OHS Act."

I would like to thank the SAQCC Gas team who have been working on the digital CoC application which is now in the final stages of testing. We look forward to the launch early next year.

If there is one thing that COVID-19 has shown us, is that we can all adapt! Look out for our next digital roadshow coming soon! View our latest video on the digital CoC **HERE**.

9. How will the end-user receive the CoC?

**Answer: The Gas Practitioner will have the option to send a copy of the CoC to the end-user via E-Mail.**

10. When will the App be available?

**Answer: The launch is anticipated at the end of November 2020.**

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## BREAKING THE RULES DOES NOT PAY

The SAQCC Gas had a disciplinary hearing recently with one accused in the commercial category. The complaint was failure to comply with required Health and Safety Standards and Pressure Equipment Regulations. A Final warning was issued, valid for 12 months.

Transgressions like this are viewed in a very serious light and non-complying practitioners can face serious sanctions, even de-registration. There has been 28 hearings to date. Six offenders received final warnings and four offenders were de-registered.

If you are aware of anyone operating outside of the strict regulatory guidelines, please report such individuals via [www.saqccgas.co.za](http://www.saqccgas.co.za).

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# NEWS

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## EQUIPPING GAS INSPECTORS

Safety and compliance is an ongoing necessity in the Gas industry. Many gas-related accidents are a result of non-compliance and installations that do not conform to the approved gas regulations and standards. The proper regulation and inspection of gas installations is crucial, the Department of Employment and Labour (DEL) has appointed 500 inspectors across the provinces to assist in keeping the Gas industry safe. The increased number of inspectors will ensure Gas installations completed in South Africa have been inspected timeously and thoroughly.

The South African Qualifications and Certifications Committee of Gas (SAQCC Gas) is mandated by the DEL to ensure the gas industry operates as stipulated by the Pressure Equipment Regulations (PER). The primary object of the SAQCC Gas is to ensure both the end-user and the Gas Practitioner is safe, this includes ensuring all installations have been completed compliantly and safely. To properly equip the new inspectors, SAQCC Gas together with the DEL organized training for the inspectors, which will assist them as to what they should look for when they do inspections for the gas industry.

The training was held from 2-5 November 2020, it was a virtual training due to COVID 19, and more than 100 inspectors attended the sessions. The four associations presented the training.

SAQCC Gas is made up of four associations namely; The Southern African Gas Association (SAGA), South

African Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (SARACCA), Liquefied Petroleum Gas Safety Association of South Africa (LPGSASA), Southern African Compressed Gases Association (SACGA). All four associations gave the guidelines for the inspection of all types of gases respectively.

SAGA covered Natural Gas, , LNG and CNG in domestic, commercial, and industrial environments, including Natural and Liquefied Gas Thermo-processing as well as Legislation and the Regulatory Framework (PER). SARACCA gave training on refrigerants commonly used, the phasing out of HCFCs and HFCs, and the aspects of safety in refrigeration equipment. LPGSASA shed light on different types of cylinders, illegal filling and the different grades of installers. The SAGCA gave a presentation on Gas Cylinders, including the history and development of Gas Cylinders, cylinder filling, cylinder testing and other types of gas containers. The inspectors were also given checklists for each gas type to be used when conducting inspections.

The inspectors were impressed about the level of training they received which included technical information as well. The response we received was positive and they are looking forward to the next session which will include practical inspections.

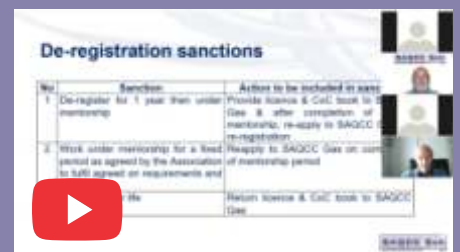
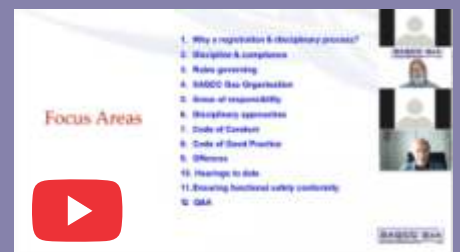
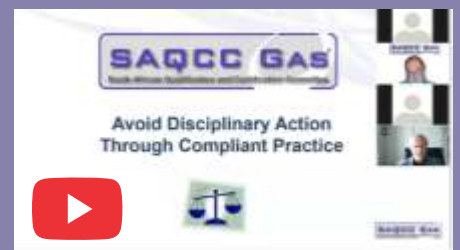
The objective of the training was to fully equip the inspectors to conduct thorough inspections and keep the gas industry safe and compliant.

**“As an industry, we are excited about the increase in the number of inspectors. This will make a huge difference in the gas industry in terms of policing and enforcement.” - SAQCC Gas**

## SAQCC GAS WEBINAR: AVOIDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION THROUGH COMPLIANCE

Would you like to know more about how to avoid disciplinary action through compliance? View our latest webinar hosted on the 19th November 2020 [HERE](#).

Mail us [HERE](#) to be added to the guest list for our next webinar.



## RENEWING YOUR LICENSE

Please contact the respective association listed below to initiate the renewal process:

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