

GAS SUPPLIERS ACCREDITATION SCHEME



Objectives:

To ensure that retailers buy beer dispense gas that is fit for purpose, by offering an accreditation scheme that guarantees gas quality from their supplier. Thus:-

- Creating a register of 'approved' gas suppliers and fillers
- Eliminating disreputable suppliers and potential dangerous practices
- Demonstrating integrity of supplier/fillers practices
- Heightening standards of Beverage Gas suppliers within the industry
- Ensuring quality of product

The Accreditation Scheme:

Annually, each filler is independently inspected against best practice guidelines and, if successful, can use a logo on all their merchandising.

Who is involved?

- BFBI (Brewing, Food & Beverage Industry)
- BCGA (British Compressed Gas Association)
- BBPA (British Beer & Pub Association)
- Cask Marque

Who can apply?

All members of the BCGA can automatically use the logo.

Members of BFBI can apply and free inspections are included in their membership fee.

Other companies will need to join BFBI at a cost of £510 + VAT to be put forward for accreditation.

Application & Inspection:

The applying company must complete an application form. A Cask Marque assessor will visit the sites to observe practices and collate supporting documentation and evidence.

The assessor's report is reviewed by the gas committee and if accredited, the supplier is recommended by BFBI to the industry.

Wholesalers can be approved by an accredited filler having made certain that all the wholesalers' supplies are from accredited sources.

Records of inspections and approved companies are held by Cask Marque and made available to BFBI.