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Gas Ranges & TSSA

Who may connect or move a gas range or cooktop under Ontario's gas regulation, registered contractors and the TSSA registry

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Q1

Can my kitchen contractor's helper connect the gas range in Nepean?

No. Ontario Regulation 212/01, section 6(1) requires that anyone who installs, alters, activates or connects a gas appliance must hold a certificate issued for that purpose. Placing a gas range in position, connecting the gas piping to it and venting it all fall within the definition of "install" under that regulation.

The regulation's only exceptions, set out in section 6(3), are duct cleaning and work done in the presence of the holder of the certificate. Ask TSSA how those exceptions apply to your situation; this site does not read them as permitting a helper to do the connection on their own.

The contractor themselves must also meet a separate requirement. Section 21(1) of the same regulation says no person shall act as a contractor for gas work unless registered with TSSA for that purpose. TSSA states that registered fuels contractors are the only businesses legally authorized to do fuels-related work in Ontario, and that if a contractor subcontracts the gas work to another contractor, both must hold the appropriate registration and certification. TSSA keeps a public registry you can search before anyone touches the range.

What this means for your job in Nepean is straightforward: the person who physically connects the gas range must hold a TSSA certificate, and the business arranging that work must be a TSSA-registered contractor. A helper who holds neither has no legal authority to do the connection, regardless of who is supervising the rest of the renovation.

Before the range goes in, ask your contractor to confirm in writing which TSSA-registered contractor is doing the gas connection and to provide that contractor's registration details so you can check the public registry yourself.

Q2

Can I connect my own gas range in my Ottawa kitchen?

Not on your own: Ontario's gas regulation has no homeowner exemption.

O. Reg. 212/01, s.6(1) states that no person shall install, alter, purge, activate, repair, service or remove any appliance, equipment or other thing employed or to be employed in the handling or use of gas unless the person holds a certificate for that purpose. Under that regulation, "install" includes placing an appliance in position and connecting piping to it. The only exceptions in s.6(3) are duct cleaning and work done in the presence of the holder of the certificate. Ask TSSA how those exceptions apply to your situation.

The person who connects your range must be a TSSA-certified gas technician working for a TSSA-registered contractor. TSSA says registered fuels contractors are the only businesses legally authorized to do fuels-related work in Ontario, and it keeps a public registry you can search before hiring. That registry, TSSA notes, does not constitute an endorsement or referral.

If a general contractor is coordinating your kitchen renovation and plans to have someone else do the gas connection, s.21(1) of O. Reg. 212/01 requires that any person acting as a contractor for gas work also be registered, and TSSA says both the contractor and any subcontractor must meet the registration and certification requirements. Confirm in writing who is doing the gas work and ask to see their TSSA registration before the job starts.

Whether a new gas line or a relocated gas connection requires a City of Ottawa building permit is not named on the City's published permit or exemption lists. Ask the City's Building Code Services before the work starts.

The question worth putting to any contractor before you sign: ask them to name the TSSA-registered company doing the gas connection and confirm that name appears in the TSSA public registry.

Q3

Who is allowed to move a gas stove during a Barrhaven kitchen reno?

Under O. Reg. 212/01, s.6(1), no person shall install, alter, purge, activate, repair, service or remove any appliance employed in the use of gas unless that person holds a certificate for that purpose. The regulation defines "install" to include placing an appliance in position and connecting piping to it. There is no homeowner exemption in the regulation, and the work must be done by a TSSA-certified gas technician working for a TSSA-registered contractor.

TSSA states that registered fuels contractors are the only businesses legally authorized to do fuels-related work in Ontario. The regulation also covers subcontracting: if a general contractor takes on the job and passes the gas work to another contractor, TSSA says "both contractors would have to fulfill the appropriate registration and certification requirements."

The regulation does list exceptions in s.6(3): duct cleaning, and work done in the presence of the holder of the certificate. Ask TSSA how those exceptions apply to your situation.

Before the reno begins, confirm with your contractor in writing exactly who will disconnect and reconnect the gas range, and ask them to provide the name of the TSSA-registered contractor doing that portion of the work. TSSA keeps a public registry you can check; the registry entry does not constitute an endorsement by TSSA. If your

kitchen renovation also involves a new gas line or changes to the existing supply piping, ask the City's Building Code Services whether that work requires a building permit, as we did not find it named on the City's permit or exemption lists.

The one question worth putting to any kitchen contractor before you sign: can you give me the name of the TSSA-registered contractor who will handle the gas disconnection and reconnection, and will that be written into the contract?

Q4

TSSA registration and an Ottawa kitchen gas hookup: what does it mean?

O. Reg. 212/01, s.21(1) says no person shall act as a gas contractor in Ontario unless registered with TSSA for that purpose. TSSA describes registered fuels contractors as "the only businesses that are legally authorized to do fuels related work in Ontario." For a kitchen gas hookup in Ottawa, that means the company connecting your range to the gas supply must hold TSSA registration.

The technician doing the hands-on work also needs a personal certificate. O. Reg. 212/01, s.6(1) says no person shall install, alter, purge, activate, repair, service or remove any appliance "unless the person is the holder of a certificate for that purpose", and under the regulation "install" includes placing an appliance in position, venting it and connecting piping to it. There is no homeowner exemption. The regulation's only exceptions are duct cleaning and work done "in the presence of the holder of the certificate"; ask TSSA how that applies before anyone but the technician touches the gas work.

If your general contractor agrees to handle the gas hookup and then subcontracts it, TSSA says both the contractor and the subcontractor must fulfill the registration and certification requirements. That means you can ask your general contractor which TSSA-registered company they plan to use before you sign anything.

TSSA keeps a public registry of registered fuels contractors. The registry is searchable, and TSSA notes that appearing in it is not an endorsement or referral.

A few things worth knowing for your quote comparison:

- Whether a new gas line or a relocated line is included, or only the final connection to the range
- Which company holds the TSSA registration for the gas portion, and whether that company is the general contractor or a named subcontractor
- Who is responsible if the gas work requires any City involvement (we did not find a new gas line on the City of Ottawa's published permit or exempt lists, so ask the City's Building Code Services before the work starts)
- Whether the quote separates the gas work as a line item so you can see what you are paying for it

Gas furnaces, water heaters and fireplaces fall under a different scope; ottawahvacpro.ca covers those.
When you put two written quotes side by side, line up the gas scope specifically: whether each includes a new or relocated line or only the final connection, and confirm what each company names as the TSSA-registered contractor for that portion and whether the permit question to the City has been answered the same way in both.

Q5

Gas range line in a Manotick kitchen: City permit or TSSA?

Manotick is within the City of Ottawa, so the same rules apply there as anywhere else in the city.

On the TSSA side, the answer is clear. O. Reg. 212/01, s.6(1) says no one may install or alter gas appliances or equipment "unless the person is the holder of a certificate for that purpose", and s.21(1) requires the business they work for to be registered with TSSA as a fuels contractor. There is no homeowner exemption for gas work. The person you hire must be a TSSA-certified gas technician working for a TSSA-registered contractor. TSSA keeps a public registry you can search before work starts.

On the City of Ottawa side, we did not find a gas line or gas range connection on either the City's exempt list or its permit list. Ask the City's Building Code Services before the work starts.

A few practical points follow from those two rules:

- If a general contractor is coordinating the work, TSSA's rules require that any subcontractor doing the gas connection also hold the appropriate registration and certification, not just the general.
- The TSSA registry is public; search the contractor's business name before signing anything.

We did not find two independent published prices for a gas line installation in Ottawa, so ask each contractor for a written quote that lists the gas work as its own line, with the name of the registered contractor doing it.
Before the technician arrives, have a signed written contract in hand that names the full scope of the gas work, the price, the start and completion dates, and which party is responsible for any City or TSSA filings.

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