

# Site Readiness Guideline

## Preparing your site for a new natural gas connection (Queensland)

### Access

The site must allow clear access for field work crews to enter and exit safely to complete their work.

### Clean & Clear

Proposed gas service line and meter location must be free from:

- Scaffolding
- Temporary fencing
- Bins and toilets
- Trip hazards
- Construction debris

Our preference is to avoid other trades on-site that may hinder the installation of the service.



### Location

The gas meter location must be positioned externally to any building and freely ventilated, avoiding areas where escaping gas may become trapped. The meter location must be accessible at all times to enable isolation, reading and maintenance.

Gas wall meter enclosures to be mounted within the property boundary. Gas lines to be external from wall chases.

Avoid location where the meter will be a trip hazard, and areas susceptible to interference, vandalism or damage from vehicles.

The meter must be in a compliant position in accordance with AS/NZS 5601 and AS/NZS 4645.

### Gas Meter Minimum Clearances

The following clearances must be maintained from any part of the gas meter assembly, including any part of the gas meter box enclosure:

500mm Electricity meter box and electricity poles

500mm Electrical ignition sources

500mm Electrical earthing stake

1000mm Egress, openings (e.g. window, door, garage and vents)

1000mm Stairways

1000mm Driveway where other safe locations are possible

600mm clearance to be maintained in front of the gas meter box for access

### Markings

The site must be clearly labeled with the lot/house number, street and suburb all of which should be visible from the street. Furthermore, the final ground levels should be clearly indicated on-site so the depth of cover for gas lines can be achieved.

For multi-dwelling installations where a manifold (meter bracket) is used, each outlet must be clearly labelled with the unit number for ease of identification for meter installation, isolation, reading and maintenance.



## Getting connected

Meeting the criteria for site readiness helps avoid delays, improves efficiency and fosters a safer working environment. It minimises the risk of delaying your gas connection as well as others scheduling work on-site.

### 01.

#### Lodge your request for natural gas.

When building in a new estate, we recommend you provide a minimum of 6 weeks' notice from the gas required date. When building in an established area, gas installations are subject to council permits, therefore we recommend you provide 3 to 6 months' notice.

### 02.

#### Site inspection and scheduling

A site readiness assessment will be completed by APA. As part of the assessment you may be required to send site-ready photos to the assigned APA Contractor. Once the site is deemed as ready, we aim to schedule the gas service line within 20 business days.