

GAS & HEATING · BURY ST EDMUNDS & EAST ANGLIA

Gas Safe Fireplace & Heating Engineer

Registered Gas Engineer · Built-In Gas Fires, Stoves and Fireplace Work

Available on a permanent employed basis or as a genuine self-employed subcontract engagement

“A registered gas engineer who wants the fireplace, not just the boiler.”

01 The opportunity

We install built-in gas fires and gas stoves alongside our wood-burning work, and currently rely on third-party support for gas commissioning. Appropriate Gas Safe capability would bring disconnection, removal, installation, commissioning, testing, certification, servicing and handover in-house — immediate commercial value.

There are two quite different versions of this role and the pay follows which one you are. One works primarily alongside Reilly, our lead engineer, across the wider programme and delivers regulated gas work occasionally. The other independently undertakes, commissions and certifies a meaningful volume of it. Tell us honestly which describes you.

02 Who this will suit

Currently registered Gas Safe engineers

Gas-fire engineers

Plumbing & heating engineers

Domestic gas-appliance engineers

Engineers drawn to fireplaces and stoves

03 The installation programme

Whichever background you come from, the person appointed works across the same programme. Your existing skill decides where you begin and how quickly you progress — not which category of work you are confined to. Reilly, our lead installation engineer, is a qualified electrician and F-Gas engineer and leads our complex twin-wall and air-conditioning work.

Twin-wall flue systems

- External systems, and internal systems through floors, ceilings and roofs
- Setting out routes; forming, supporting and weathering penetrations
- Ladders, scaffold, access equipment and the cherry picker; boxing-in and making good

Built-in stove installations

- Built-in wood-burning and gas stoves; preparing openings and setting out
- Coordinating flue, ventilation, electrical and gas requirements; support and framing
- Cutting and fitting the specified fire-resistant cladding; premium finishing

Air conditioning, alongside Reilly

- Positioning and mounting internal and external units
- Pipe and cable routes, core drilling, trunking and drainage
- Electrical and mechanical support; learning commissioning requirements

Fireplace and building work

- Knock-outs, openings, alterations and stone surrounds
- Hearths, chambers, beams, mantels, carpentry, brickwork and plastering
- Making good, and protecting customers' homes throughout

Other installation work

- Flexible liners; appliance positioning and stove connection
- Materials, tools, specifications, lifting and handling
- Commissioning support, customer handover and clean work areas

04 What matters most, in order

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| 01 Reliability and consistent attendance | 05 Care in customers' homes | 08 Confidence working at height |
| 02 Safe working | 06 Working productively alongside Reilly | 09 Problem-solving |
| 03 Existing practical trade skill | 07 Accurate measuring, setting out and finishing | 10 Long-term progression potential |
| 04 Capacity and willingness to learn | | |

Regulated gas work — to be clear. It may only be carried out by a person holding the appropriate **current Gas Safe registration** together with the **relevant appliance competencies** for the work concerned.

General plumbing, heating or historic gas experience does not permit regulated gas work. Registration and competencies must be evidenced and kept current; without them, gas work would not form part of the role.

05 Employed or self-employed — both are open

OPTION A · EMPLOYED

Permanent, Full-Time Position

£40,000 – £47,000

per annum, banded by how much regulated gas work you independently carry and certify.

- £40,000–£43,000 — current registration, working mainly within Reilly's installation team
- £43,000–£47,000 — independently undertaking and certifying a meaningful volume of regulated gas work
- The upper range requires the relevant gas-fire appliance competencies, not general registration alone

EMPLOYED TERMS

- Permanent, full-time position
- Based at Oaklands Park, Bury St Edmunds, working across East Anglia
- 28 days' paid annual leave, including bank holidays
- Workplace pension
- Six-month probation, with structured competency reviews at three, six and twelve months
- Appointment subject to satisfactory references, qualification and registration checks

OPTION B · SELF-EMPLOYED

Subcontract Engagement

£220 – £260

per day, depending on the nature of the work and your independence.

- £220–£230 — blended programme work with occasional regulated gas responsibility
- £250 — days of independent regulated gas installation, commissioning, testing or certification
- Up to £260 — genuinely independent and equipped: agreed vehicle, tools, test equipment, insurance and registrations
- Task-based alternative: £195–£230 support classified in advance; £250–£260 independent regulated work. A dual HETAS and Gas Safe engineer is assessed separately

SUBCONTRACT TERMS

- Genuine self-employed status; you invoice for services
- Your own insurance, registrations and qualifications, maintained throughout
- Vehicle, fuel, tools, test and specialist equipment as agreed under the contract
- The extent of your independent responsibility on site
- No guaranteed continuous work and no employee benefits
- Engaged subject to an employment-status assessment and professional review

Pay is determined by demonstrated capability, independence, productivity, responsibility and commercial contribution — not by job title, qualification alone or length of service. The top of any range is reserved for candidates already delivering at that level. Progression is competency-based and is not automatic.

These are not interchangeable, and you cannot simply choose. Where someone works regularly within the Opulence programme, is directed by Reilly, our lead engineer, uses our vehicle and equipment, is trained and supervised over time and becomes integrated into an installation team, **employment will ordinarily be the more appropriate route.** Self-employment is offered only as a genuine contract for services, following an employment-status assessment and professional review. This is not legal advice.

06 How you progress

Stage 01

Working alongside Reilly

Productive across the installation programme, with gas capability used where the work calls for it.

Stage 02

Regular regulated delivery

Gas-fire disconnection, removal, installation and commissioning delivered consistently in-house.

Stage 03

Certifying specialist

Independently undertaking, commissioning and certifying a meaningful volume of regulated gas work.

Stage 04

Multi-discipline engineer

Solid fuel and F-Gas cross-training toward broader heating and cooling capability.

Progression is competency-based, not automatic. Higher pay requires measurable additional value, demonstrated in practice rather than described on a CV.

07 How to apply

Apply through our careers page:
opulencestoves.co.uk/careers/

PLEASE INCLUDE

- An up-to-date CV
- Employed or self-employed preference
- Your primary trade
- Qualifications and registrations
- Relevant practical experience
- Photographs of previous work
- Current or expected pay rate
- Driving licence, availability and two references

FOR THIS ROLE, ALSO SEND

- Gas Safe registration number
- Current appliance categories and competencies
- Experience with gas fires, gas stoves and built-in appliances
- Examples of commissioning, testing and certification undertaken independently

Depending on applicants, we may appoint one exceptional individual or more than one person with complementary skills.