

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ON APPROVAL, PRIOR APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENT, LICENCE AND RENEWAL OF LICENCES IN FORM D, E&F, F, G, APPROVAL OF FOREIGN ORIGIN CYLINDERS/VALVES, APPROVAL OF INDIAN ORIGIN CYLINDERS/ VALVES AND APPROVAL OF GAS CYLINDER TESTING STATION UNDER GAS CYLINDER RULES 2016 ARE GIVEN BELOW.**

**I.FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON APPROVAL OF FOREIGN CYLINDER/VALVE MANUFACTURERS**

**1. Whether approval of foreign manufacturer is mandatory for issuing licence to import of empty gas cylinders intended to be filled & used in India?**

Ans: Yes, foreign manufacturer shall have valid approval of PESO, Nagpur for manufacturing of particular type of gas cylinder under Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

**2. Which type of valves requires approval from PESO under Gas Cylinder Rule 2016 for import to India?**

Ans: Approval from PESO under Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 shall be applicable to valves which are directly connecting to gas cylinders.

**3. Whether foreign manufacturer can manufacture and export gas cylinder/valves as per standards other than Indian Standards?**

Ans: Yes, foreign manufacturer can manufacture and export gas cylinder/valves as per any internationally accepted standards approved by Chief Controller of Explosives.

**4. In case of approval of foreign cylinder/valve manufacturer, who shall submit application to PESO?**

Ans: Application for approval of manufacturer in format given under Schedule III of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 shall be submitted by foreign manufacturer.

**5. What is the fee structure applicable to approvals of Foreign manufacturers?**

Ans: Fee applicable to foreign manufacturer under “Fees other than licence fees” in Schedule V of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

**6. How to make payment for approvals of Foreign manufacturers?**

Ans: Fee for approvals of Foreign manufacturers shall be paid through Bharatkosh portal and receipt of payment shall be submitted along with application. Detailed direction for fee payment through Bharatkosh is available under ‘Misc. info’ in PESO website [www.peso.gov.in](http://www.peso.gov.in).

**7. Whether endorsement of Bureau of Indian standards is mandatory for design drawings of foreign cylinders/valves submitted along with application of approval under Gas Cylinder Rule 2016?**

Ans: No, applicant can submit design drawings duly endorsed by Bureau of Indian standards or any other Internationally accredited Third Party Inspecting Agency.

**8. Who will be responsible for appointment of Indian distributors of Foreign Cylinder and valve manufactures?**

Ans: The foreign manufacture shall be responsible for appointment of their Indian distributors in India. The foreign manufactures shall submit copy of agreement made between manufacturer and their Indian distributor along with application for approval.

**9. How the foreign cylinder /valve manufacturer can get extension of validity of approval?**

Ans: The manufacturer shall submit application as per Rule 55 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 for extension of validity of approval.

**10. Is manufacturer eligible for extension of validity even after expiry of approval?**

Ans: The manufacturer can submit application for extension of validity up to one year of date of expiry of approval with required late fee as Rule 55(7) of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016. No approval shall be extended if application is submitted after one year of the date of its expiry.

**II.FAQ on the approval of manufacturing of cylinders/valves/regulators in India.**

**1. What should be written in the covering letter?**

Ans: Covering letter will clearly show the purpose of application and brief account of type of cylinder/valve/regulator to be manufactured, code of manufacturing, complete address of place of manufacturing and any past experience etc.It will clearly show whether application is for a new premises or new design or for any revision in the already approved design giving reference of old approval letter and drawing.In case of any revision in already approved design drawing, all intended changes shall be mentioned in the covering letter.Covering letter shall be signed by authorized person of applicant company showing his name, designation contact details etc.

**2. How to fill up Schedule III?**

Ans :Complete information in column 1 to 14 of Schedule III needs to be filled up carefully.Schedule III shall be signed by authorized person of applicant company showing his name, designation contact details etc.

**3. What documents to be submitted for legal physical possession of land?**

Ans :Registered sale deed or registered lease deed in the name of applicant company showing sign and stamp of REGISTRAR/SUB-REGISTRAR are the documents to be submitted for legal physical possession of land.

**4. What should be shown in layout plan?**

Ans :Layout plan will be drawn to scale and will show plot area, dimensions & boundaries. It should show the position of all manufacturing & testing facilities.

**5. What should be shown in the site plan?**

Ans :All structures within a radius of 100m around the premises, complete site address, main road, approach road, nearest land mark etc.

**6. Who will sign design drawings and design calculations?**

Ans :Design drawings and design calculations shall be signed by BIS/TPIA.

**7. What features to be incorporated in the design drawings?**

Ans :Design drawings shall show manufacturing code, all necessary design parameters as per code, raw material details, company name & site address, valve & thread details, gas service, water capacity etc.Design drawings shall be duly signed and stamped by BIS/TPIA.

**8. Whether Indian manufacturer can manufacture gas cylinder/valves/regulators as per standards other than Indian Standards?**

Ans :Yes, Indian manufacturer can manufacture rt gas cylinder/valves as per any internationally accepted standards accepted by Chief Controller of Explosives.

**9. What is the fee structure applicable to approvals?**

Ans :Fee as per Schedule V of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

**10.How to make payment for approvals of Foreign manufacturers?**

Ans :Fee for approvals of gas cylinders shall be paid online under FPS moduleand for valves and regulators shall be paid through Bharatkosh portal as their online modules are under development and receipt of payment shall be submitted along with application. Detailed direction for fee payment through Bharatkosh is available under ‘Misc. info’ in PESO website [www.peso.gov.in](http://www.peso.gov.in).

**III. FAQ on Import of Gas Cylinders(Filled and empty ) under Form –D Licence**

1. Whether foreign origin empty gas cylinders that are not approved by PESO are allowed to import and refilling of compressed gas and use in India.

Ans: No. Only PESO approved cylinders are allowed to import by an authorized Indian agent/representative of the foreign manufacturer who has got approval from PESO for manufacture of such cylinders and export to India to his agent/representative.

2. What are the documents required to be submitted for import of filled /empty cylinders.

Ans:

- a) Application in Form –D
- b) License in form E&F or F of Indian Firm
- c) Cylinder valid Test certificate as per code of fabrication
- d) Filler certificate for the specific cylinder and specific gases.
- e) MSDS of the gas filled in the cylinder
- f) Details of infrastructure/ handling equipments and storage facility including emergency action plan and qualified and trained technical manpower details.
- g) PLI details if import of empty cylinders/ valves from foreign manufacturers covering India
- h) Agreement for returning back the empty cylinder to country of origin in case of import of filled cylinders.

2. Whether empty cylinders of foreign origin (from PESO approved companies) are imported with valves.

Ans: Separate License for import of Cylinder/ Valves shall be obtained from PESO.

4. Which type of valves are allowed to import in to India.

Ans: Valves manufactured as per IS/ ISO/ EN codes listed in Schedule -I of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 and approved by Chief Controller of Explosives are permitted for Import. However, this

provision is not applicable for valves to be imported for fitting on gas cylinders approved by PESO, manufactured by the Indian importer at his manufacturing premises in India and the same to be exported to foreign countries for bonafide purpose. In this regard the Indian importer shall submit relevant documents to PESO to establish that the valves are fitted in Indian origin cylinders at his premises for export purpose. Besides, all rules and procedures of the respective Customs and Port authorities shall be followed.

5. Who is authorized to import foreign origin empty & new cylinders /valves approved by PESO?

Ans: Only the Indian distributor with whom the manufacturer had made MOU and details submitted to O/o, CCE, Nagpur is permitted to import empty & new cylinders /valves of foreign origin. However, this provision is not applicable for valves to be imported for fitting on gas cylinders approved by PESO, manufactured by the Indian importer at his manufacturing premises in India and the same to be exported to foreign countries for bonafide purpose. In this regard the Indian importer shall submit relevant documents to PESO to establish that the valves are fitted in Indian origin cylinders manufactured at his premises for export purpose. Besides, all rules and procedures of the respective Customs and Port authorities shall be followed.

6. Whether foreign origin gas cylinders that are not approved by PESO are allowed to import and refill compressed gas at the licensed premises and re-export to the country of origin.

Ans: As per rule 3(5) of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016, such cylinders are allowed to import by a licence holder having licence in Form –E and F for filling such gas under the said rules for re-exporting to the country of origin provided all rules and procedures of the respective Customs and Port authorities shall be followed. In this regard, the importer shall submit relevant documents to PESO to establish that the filled cylinders will be exported to the country of origin and vice versa.

#### **IV.FAQ for obtaining Approval, Prior Approval for Amendment and License in E&F**

1. What are regulations for licence for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders in India?

Ans :Licence for filling and possession gas cylinders are covered under Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

2. Is licence required for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders?

Ans :Yes. As per rule 43 of the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 licence is required for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders.

3. Who is the licence granting authority for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders in India?

Ans :Chief Controller of Explosives and the Controllers (Which includes the Joint Chief Controller of Explosives, the Deputy Chief Controller of Explosives, the Controller of Explosives and the Deputy Controller of Explosives) authorized by the Chief Controller of Explosives are the authority to grant licence under Gas Cylinder Rules 2016for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders.

4. Which form of licence needs to be obtained for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders?

Ans :Form-E and Form-F of the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 is issued for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders. In this regard, please refer to rule 50, 51, and 54 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 for details.

5. Where can we find the format of application for the licence under Form-E and Form-F of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016?

Ans :Application for the grant/amendment/renewal/ duplicate copy of a licence to fill and/or store compressed gas/gases in cylinders can be submitted after duly filling in Form-C of the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016. Please refer to rule 49, 54 and 55 of Gas Cylinder rules 2016.

6. How can I submit application for licence under Form-E and Form-F of the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016?

Ans :All the applications under Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 have been made online. You can upload the application through online module of National Single Window System on <https://www.nsws.gov.in/>. For help regarding submitting of online application technical support of NSWS can be accessed at <https://www.nsws.gov.in/contact-us>

7. What are the documents required for filing an application for grant of licence for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders.

Ans :Application for the grant/amendment/renewal/ duplicate copy of a licence to fill and/or store compressed gas/gases in cylinders can be submitted after duly filling in Form-C of the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016. Refer rule 49, 54 and 55 of Gas Cylinder rules 2016. List of documents is mentioned along with the Form-C of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 and under Rule 49 of Gas Cylinder Rules.

8. Who is the authority to issue No Objection Certificate for Land for obtaining licence under these rules?

Ans :Please refer to Rule 48 of Gas Cylinder Rules.

9. What is the fee required under these rules.

Ans :Fee under gas cylinder rules 2016 has been tabulated in Schedule V of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

10. Please explain how many filled gas cylinders are not required licence in Form-F for possession and sale under Gas Cylinder Rules 2016?

Ans :Please refer Rule 44 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

11. Is prior approval necessary for construction of premises proposed to be licenced.

Ans :Yes.Prior approval necessary for construction of premises proposed to be licensed. You may refer to rule 47 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 for details.

12. Please inform the period of validity the licence under these rules in Form-E and Form-F.

Ans :Licences under these rules may be obtained for a minimum period of one year and maximum period of 10years as specified in rule 51 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

13. Can the licenced premises be altered after grant of licence?

Ans :No.Prior approval from licencing authority is necessary for alteration in the licensed premises. Please refer to rule 53 and 54 of Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 for further details.

14. What is the procedure for transfer of licence?

Ans: Please upload online application on National Single Window System portal on <https://www.nsws.gov.in/> along with requisite documents as mentioned in rule 54 of the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016.

15. For how many years licence under Form-E and Fof the Gas Cylinder Rules 2016 for filling and possession of Gas Cylinders be renewed?

Ans : Licence can be renewed for a minimum period of one year and maximum period of 10years.

16. Is application of endorsement of the premises available in the online module?

Ans : Yes. Application for endorsement of licence can be made through the online licencing module available under National Single Window System.

#### **V.FAQ for obtaining Approval, Prior Approval for Amendment and License in Form G**

1. What are the details to be mentioned in the application form- Form C .

Ans :The Form C should contain name of the licensee, proper correspondence address, location of the premises clearly specifying Survey no., town/village, district, state, Pincode etc.

2. What are the particulars of NOC issued by District Magistrate (in case of standalone CNG station)

Ans: Complete particulars of NOC issued by District Magistrate clearly specifying Sy.No. of the site and PESO approved plan duly endorsed by DM shall be submitted.

3. What is the requirement of District Magistrate NOC for CNG stations forming part of Form XIV (retail outlet), LNG stations.

Ans :No fresh DM NOC is required. DM NOC of existing retail outlet/LNG station shall be submitted in this case.

4. What are the details of CNG cascades, compressors, CNG dispensers shall be submitted

Ans :All details such as CNG cascades total water capacity along with no of cylinders in the cascade and individual cylinder water capacity, details of latest hydro test of cylinders in the cascade, details of compressor including capacity in SCMH, CCE approval for compressor&dispensers shall be submitted. The structural adequacy with respect to the superstructure with reference to static and dynamicload/vibrations on full operation of all the equipment shall be carried out by a reputed structural engineer and its report shall be enclosed along with other documents.

5. What are the Documentary evidence towards legal possession of land? .

Ans : Copies of lease agreement, partnership deed/memorandum and article of association, approval/clearance/permit as applicable from local authorities may be submitted.

6. Whether submission of HAZOP study is mandatory?

Ans : The requirement of submission of HAZOP study arises as per the criteria covered under MSIHC Rules 1989. In this regard, the points appearing in the prior approval shall also be considered.

7. What is the requirement of NOC in case of land addition in existing retail outlet for CNG installation?

Ans :District Magistrate NOC as applicable for standalone CNG station is required.

8. From where Safety distances details of CNG installation can be obtained.

Ans :Please refer to Table IA , IB & Table II.

#### **Renewal of licence:**

1. What are the documents to be submitted for renewal of CNG station?

Ans :Original licence, documentary evidence towards legal possession of land, latest hydrotest details of CNG cascades.

2. Whether licence is valid if not renewed in time?

Ans :Every application for the renewal of a licence or revalidation of approval shall be made so as to reach the licensing authority on or before the date on which it expires and if the application is so made, the licence shall be deemed to be in force until such date as the Chief Controller or Controller renews the licence or until an intimation that the renewal of the licence is refused has been communicated to the applicant.

3. What is the procedure for late submission of renewal application?

Ans :Please refer Rule 55 (7)& 55 (8) of Gas Cylinder Rules, 2016.

4. Whether renewal fees will be refunded if renewal is refused by PESO?

Ans :Where the renewal of a licence or approval is refused, the fee paid shall be refunded to the licensee after deducting there from the proportionate fee for the period beginning from the date from which the licence or approval was to be renewed up to the date on which renewal thereof is refused.

#### **Amendment of licence:**

1. What are the documents to be submitted for amendment of CNG station?

Ans : An application in Form C detailing proposed amendments.

a.For prior approval of amendment, Plan showing clearly the changes proposed shown in proper colour coding (Yellow for deletion, Red for addition) shall be submitted.

b.For amendment prior approved plan (facilities approved but not installed shown in green) shall be submitted.

c.Completion certificate with regards to completion all works shall be submitted for amendment of licence.

#### **VI.FAQ related to LPG cylinder Storage Premises in Form- F Licence**

1. Any licence is required to store LPG in cylinder?

Ans :Licence from Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) is required for storing liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) in cylinders. No licence is required when the total quantity of LPG in cylinders does not exceed 100 kg at a time for own use, distribution or sale from a sales room belonging to the dealer or distributor of respective oil marketing company.

2. Can LPG be filled in cylinder in any where?

Ans :LPG can only be filled to cylinders in LPG bottling plant having licence from PESO for “Licence to fill compressed gas in cylinder” in Form F.

3. LPG cylinder subjected to the action of fire can be re-used?

Ans :A cylinder exposed to fire shall not be used unless it has undergone proper examination & hydrostatic test and pass all the tests.

4. Can sliding, dropping or playing with LPG cylinder is allowed?

Ans :Sliding, dropping or playing with LPG cylinder is not allowed.

5. How LPG cylinder is stored?

Ans :Liquefied petroleum gas cylinder and cylinders containing liquefiable gases shall always be kept in an upright position and shall be so placed that they cannot be knocked over.

6. Fees required for storage of LPG cylinder?

Ans:

(iii)For liquefied petroleum gases:	
Exceeding 100 Kg. But not exceeding 500 kgs	1000
Exceeding 500 Kg. But not exceeding 2000 kgs	2000
Exceeding 2000 Kg. But not exceeding 5000 kgs	4000
Exceeding 5000 Kg. But not exceeding 10,000 Kgs	6000
Exceeding 10,000 Kg. Rs. 2000/- every additional 5000 Kg. or part thereof.	
(vi)For acetylene gas contained in cylinders in dissolved state	2000
Not exceeding 200 cylinders	
Exceeding 200 nos. of cylinders Rs. 2000/-for every additional 200 nos. of cylinders or part thereof.	

7. Labeling on LPG cylinder is required?

Ans :Every cylinder shall be labeled with the name of the gas and the name and address of the person by whom the cylinder was filled with gas and “Warning” mark.

8. Can oil or lubricant be used for fitting of valve to cylinder?

Ans :No oil or lubricant is allowed to use for fittings of valve to cylinder.

9. What is the testing frequency of LPG cylinder?

Ans :LPG cylinder shall be undertaken for periodical testing in every 10 years.

10. What the maximum period of renew?

Ans :Licence for storage of LPG cylinder can be renewed upto 10 years.

11. Can LPG cylinder storage licence be transferred from one person to other?

Ans :Every licence granted for storage of LPG cylinder can be transferred provided that documents shall be submitted in accordance to Rue 54 of LPG cylinder of Gas cylinder Rules 2016.

12. What is flammable gas?

Ans :Any gas which. If either mixture of 13 percent or less (V/V) with air forms a flammable mixture of the flammability range with air is greater than 12 percent regardless of the lower limit.

13. No Objection Certificate (NOC) is required for storage of LPG cylinder?

Ans :NOC is required for LPG cylinder godown for the purpose of sale and trading.

14. Who is the NOC granting authority for LPG cylinder godown?

Ans :Local body like Gram Panchayat or the urban local body is the NOC granting authority for LPG cylinder godown.

### **VIII. FAQ on Cylinder Testing Station under Gas Cylinder Rules, 2016**

- 1 **How to apply to obtain new approval for Cylinder Testing Station?**  
 Ans : Provision for submitting online application for new Approval for Cylinder Testing Station is available in National Single Window system portal (NSW)
  
- 2 **To Whom I have to apply to obtain new approval for Cylinder Testing Station?**  
 Ans : Online application shall be submitted to respective Circle office of PESO under whose jurisdiction the premises is situated.
  
3. **What is the fee for new approval for Cylinder Testing Station?**  
 Ans : Scrutiny fee with one year validity fee for the first time new approval for Cylinder Testing Station is Rs 10000/-
  
- 4 **What are the documents required to submit for new approval for Cylinder Testing Station?**  
 Ans : The following documents shall be submitted in duplicate to the licensing authority for grant of approval for cylinder testing station namely:-
  - ( 1 ) Fee as per Schedule V of Gas Cylinder Rules, 2016. (i.e. Rs 10000/-)
  - ( 2 ) Ownership proof for legal and physical possession of the land, where such facilities are proposed to be set up;
  - ( 3 ) Applicant's name and full address with telephone numbers and E-mail address;
  - ( 4 ) Proposed location of cylinder testing station.
  - ( 5 ) Six copies of each site and layout plan showing the area for degassing in case of flammable gas cylinder testing station and details of neutralisation facilities in case of toxic gas cylinder testing and location of various testing equipments in the cylinder testing shop;
  - ( 6 ) Specification or code proposed to be adopted for the testing and examination of cylinder
  - ( 7 ) Organisational set up of the applicant with specific reference to qualification and experience of the personnel engaged in the testing of cylinder
  - ( 8 ) Quality control check or test carried out at each stage of testing and examination of cylinders
  - ( 9 ) Details of template or gauge provided to check or test;
  - (10) Steps taken to check the accuracy of testing and checking equipment and frequency of such checking.
  - ( 11 ) Equipment available for carrying out non-destructive examination such as Gamma ray or X-ray equipment, viewer, etc., for radiographic examination, ultrasonic flaw detector, equipments for dye penetration and magnetic particle tests, etc;
  - (12) Performa of the record and certificate for various test carried out by the cylinder testing station.
  - ( 13 ) ISO accreditation certificate issued by any nationally or internationally recognised agency within a period of one year from the date of approval.
  - ( 14 ) List of relevant code, specification and technical literature available;
  
- 5 **What are the facilities required for a cylinder Testing Station?**  
 Ans : The facilities required for setting up a cylinder Testing Station are mentioned in Schedule IV of Gas Cylinder Rules, 2016.

6 **What is the validity of approval for a cylinder Testing Station?**

Ans : Approval/ Permission for cylinders testing station shall initially be granted for a period of one year. First approval granted shall remain in force till the 30th day of September of the current year.

Approval may be revalidated to a maximum period of ten years subject to the production of valid ISO accreditation certificate issued by any nationally or internationally accredited agency, testing records for the period of validity and on payment of fee as specified in Schedule V of Gas Cylinder Rules, 2016.

7 **What is the fee for renewal/ revalidation of approval for Cylinder Testing Station?**

Ans : Fee for renewal/ revalidation of approval for a Cylinder Testing Station is Rs 2000/- per year. Application for renewal/ revalidation of Approval may be submitted for maximum period of ten years.

8 **What are the document required to submit for renewal/ revalidation of approval for Cylinder Testing Station?**

Ans : Following documents are to be submitted on or before expiry of approval, namely:-

- (i) Renewal or revalidation application or request on company letter head duly signed by director or occupier or authorised signatory of the company;
- (ii) Payment of the renewal or revalidation fees as prescribed in Schedule V;
- (iii) Manufacture report or testing record for entire period of validity of approval, valid ISO accreditation certificate issued by any Nationally and Internationally accredited agency for the entire period of validity of the approval before the expiry of the approval;
- (iv) An undertaking signed by director or occupier or authorised signatory of the company to the effect that there is no change in the organisational set up and technical manpower during the period of validity of approval;
- (v) Original approval copy; and
- (vi) Any other documents as specified by the Chief Controller.

9 **What is the last date for submission of online application for revalidation of approval ?**

Ans : (i) In general online application for revalidation of approval with required documents shall be submitted on or before expiry of approval.

(ii) If the application for revalidation with required documents is not received within the time as specified in above, but received not later than three months the approval shall be revalidated only on payment of a fee amounting to twice the fee ordinarily payable.

(iii) If application for revalidation with required document is received by the Chief Controller or Controller after three months from the date of expiry but not later than one year from the date of expiry, the approval may, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken in this behalf, be revalidated on payment of late fee at the rate of one year approval fee for every delay of three months or part thereof:

(iv) No approval shall be revalidated if the application for renewal or revalidation is received by the Chief Controller or Controller after one year of the date of its expiry.