

## Competent Persons Self-Certification Scheme

There are currently five full scope schemes in operation, which authorise members to carry out any electrical work, and five defined scope schemes for other trades who can carry out a limited amount of electrical work, (for example gas fitters and kitchen fitters, alarm installers and electric garage door fitters).

### Full scope schemes

#### **BRE Certification Limited**

Phone: 0870 609 6093

Website: [www.partp.co.uk](http://www.partp.co.uk)

#### **British Standards Institution**

Phone: 01442 230442

Website: [www.bsi-global.com/kitemark](http://www.bsi-global.com/kitemark)

#### **ELECSA Limited**

Phone: 0870 749 0080

Website: [www.elecsa.org.uk](http://www.elecsa.org.uk)

#### **NAPIT Certification Limited**

Phone: 0870 444 1392

Website: [www.napit.org.uk](http://www.napit.org.uk)

#### **NICEIC Certification Services Ltd**

Phone: 0800 013 0900

Website: [www.niceic.org.uk](http://www.niceic.org.uk)

### Defined scope schemes

#### **CORGI Services Limited**

Phone: 01256 372200

Website: <http://www.corgi-gas-safety.com>

#### **ELECSA Limited**

Phone: 0870 749 0080

Website: [www.elecsa.org.uk](http://www.elecsa.org.uk)

#### **NAPIT Certification Limited**

Phone: 0870 444 1392

Website: [www.napit.org.uk](http://www.napit.org.uk)

#### **NICEIC Certification Services Ltd**

Phone: 0800 013 0900

Website: [www.niceic.org.uk](http://www.niceic.org.uk)

#### **OFTEC (Oil Firing Technical Association for the Petroleum Industry) Limited**

Phone: 0845 658 5080

Website: [www.oftec.co.uk](http://www.oftec.co.uk)

## Building Regulations Applications

If you intend to submit a full plans application for notifiable electrical work, we will require a note on the plans which states:

*“ All electrical work required to meet the requirements of part P (Electrical Safety) must be designed, installed, inspected and tested by a person competent to do so. Prior to completion, the Council should be satisfied that Part P has been complied with. This will require an appropriate BS7671 electrical installation certificate to be issued for the work by a person competent to do so.”*

## Building Regulation Charges

There will be fixed charges for notifiable electrical work only - please refer to Schedule 3 of the Charges Regulations. If the electrical work is part of a larger scheme e.g. a kitchen extension or a new dwelling, the electrical work will be included in the overall charge for that work.

# Building Regulations

## Part P

# Electrical Safety

## Information and Guidance

### Allerdale Borough Council

Tel: 01900 326507

Fax: 01900 326506

### Barrow Borough Council

Tel: 01229 894256

Fax: 01229 894787

### Carlisle City Council

Tel: 01228 817184

Fax: 01228 817513

### Copeland Borough Council

Tel: 01946 598409

Fax: 01946 598306

### Eden District Council

Tel: 01768 212342

Fax: 01768 212320

### South Lakeland District Council

Tel: 01539 733333

Fax: 01539 797598



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## Building Regulations Part P (Electrical Safety)

From 1 January 2005 the design, installation and testing of electrical installations will be controlled under the Building Regulations.

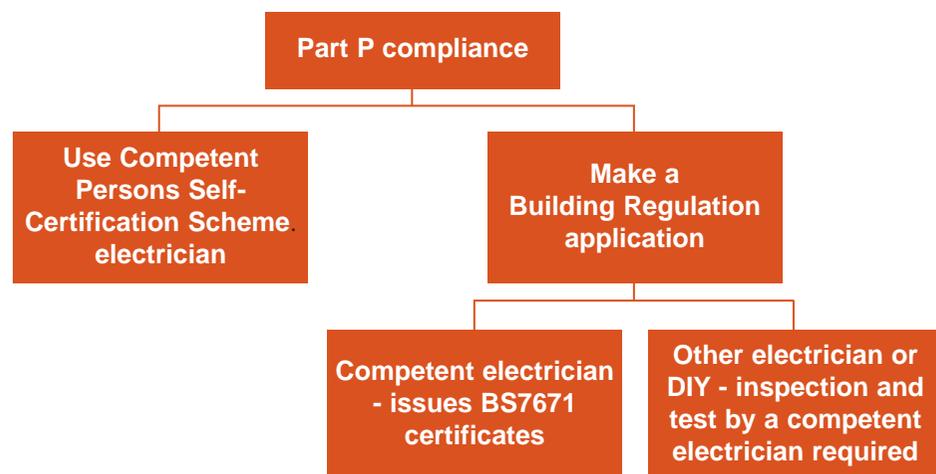
The new Part P will apply to dwelling houses and flats including gardens and outbuildings such as sheds, detached garages and greenhouses.

- Small jobs such as the provision of a socket-outlet or a light switch on an existing circuit will not need to be notified to Building Control (although there will be some exceptions for high risk areas such as kitchens and bathrooms).
- All work that involves adding a new circuit to a dwelling, or electrical work in kitchens and bathrooms or in "special locations" (see table) will need to be either notified to Building Control with a building regulation application, or carried out by a person who is registered with a Competent Persons Self-Certification Scheme.

There are two routes available to applicants to ensure they comply with Part P:

1. Use an electrician/installer who is registered with a Competent Persons Self-Certification Scheme, in which case a Building Regulation application will not be required for the electrical work. **We strongly encourage the use of electrician/installers who are part of a Competent Persons Self-Certification Scheme.**
2. **Submit a Building Regulation application to the Local Authority:**
  - a. Where a competent electrician (who need not be registered under a Competent Persons Self-Certification Scheme) tests the work and issues a design, installation and test certificate under BS7671, Building Control will accept the certificate as evidence that the work complies with Part P, subject to checking and verification. Additional inspections by Building Control may also be carried out in conjunction with the acceptance of a certificate.
  - b. Where the work is carried out by an unregistered electrician, or is a DIY installation, the applicant is required to have the work inspected, tested and certified by a competent electrician as in "a" above.

The diagram below shows the various routes to ensure Part P compliance



## To notify or not, that is the question?

Except as identified in the chart below, notification of proposals to carry out electrical installations will be given to a building control body before work begins, unless the work is undertaken by a person registered with a Competent Persons Self-Certification Scheme.

Whether or not work is notifiable is dependent on the nature of the installation work proposed and its location within a dwelling. The location is important because some "special installations or locations" such as kitchens and bathrooms may pose a greater risk to people.

Examples of work	Notifiable?	
	Outside of bath/shower rooms and kitchens	Within a bath/shower room or kitchen (special location)
Complete new/rewire of installation	Yes	Yes
Consumer unit change	Yes	Yes
Installing a new shower circuit	Yes	Yes
Installing an additional socket	No	Yes
Installing an additional light	No	Yes
Addition of fused connection unit to ring final circuit	No	Yes
Installing a new cooker circuit	Yes	Yes
Connecting a cooker to an existing connection unit	No	No
Installing or upgrading main or supplementary equipotential bonding	No	Yes
Replacing a damaged cable for a single circuit	No	No
Replacing a damaged socket outlet	No	No
Replacing a light fitting	No	No
Installation & fit of a storage heater, including final circuit	Yes	Yes
Fit & final connection of storage heater	No	No
Installing extra low voltage lighting (not CE marked sets)	Yes	Yes
Taking a new supply out to a garden shed	Yes	N/A
Installing a socket in a garden shed	Yes	N/A
Installing a light fitting in a greenhouse	Yes	N/A
Installing a pond pump, including supply	Yes	N/A
Installing a hot air sauna	Yes	Yes
Installing a photovoltaic power supply	Yes	Yes
Installing ceiling or floor heating	Yes	Yes
Installing a small scale generator	Yes	Yes
Installing an additional socket in a motor caravan	N/A	N/A