

Part P – Electrical Safety

GUIDANCE NOTES AND STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR NOTIFIABLE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

From the 1 January 2005 electrical installations in dwellings become a “controlled service” under the Building Regulations.

Building Regulation Part P – Electrical Safety, requires fixed electrical installations in dwellings to be suitably designed, installed, inspected and tested to provide reasonable protection to people from fire or injury. Also sufficient information shall be provided so that persons wishing to operate, maintain or alter an electrical installation can do so with reasonable safety.

Part P applies to fixed electrical installations in buildings or parts of buildings comprising :-

- Dwellings.
- Combined dwellings and business premises having a common supply (e.g. shops and public houses with a flat/maisonette above).
- Common access areas and shared facilities in blocks of flats (e.g. Laundry rooms, but not lifts).
- Outbuildings such as sheds, detached garages and greenhouses.
- External situations associated with buildings (e.g. fixed lighting and pond pumps).

Compliance with Part P can be achieved via one of the following options:

- 1. Self-certification by the person carrying out the electrical installation.** Note, Self-certification can only be given by a person who is registered with a government approved, competent persons scheme. See [Note 1](#).
- 2. Submitting a Building Regulation application to the Council for fixed electrical installations only, or building work involving a fixed electrical installation.** See [Note 2](#). The inspection and testing of the electrical work will be carried out separately by the Council’s appointed Electrical Agent and is subject to a gross charge of **£200.00** payable on submission of the application. The charge will be in addition to that payable for any other work controlled by the Building Regulations. Note: *where this option is chosen the Council will arrange for a registered competent person (acting as our agent) to carry out an inspection of the installation on commencement (when necessary), before covering up (at 1st fix stage), and for an inspection and test of the completed installation. **The electrical contractor carrying out the work must however give the Council a minimum of TWO WORKING DAYS notice of a suitable date for the Council’s electrical agent to inspect at the two separate stages. In the absence of which it will not be possible to obtain Certification of the new fixed installation.***

Statement of Intent. (Please indicate how you intend to comply with Part P.)

I intend to follow option.....detailed above in connection with the fixed electrical installation at:

Proposal Commencement Date.....

Location

Name..... Telephone No.

Signature..... Date.....

Note 1.

Government approved competent persons self-certification schemes for electrical safety in dwellings: BRE Certification Ltd www.partp.co.uk, British Standards Institution www.kitemarktoday.com, ELECSA Ltd www.elecsa.org.uk, NAPIT Certification Ltd www.napit.org.uk, NICEIC Certification Services Ltd www.niceic.org.uk . Defined competence schemes (for persons who do electrical work as an addition to their main activity e.g. gas installers, kitchen & bathroom fitters): ELECSA, NAPIT, NICEIC as above, CORGI Services Ltd, www.corgi-gas-safety.com , Oil Firing Technical Association www.oftec.org.uk . For the latest information on approved competent persons self-certification schemes see “Building Regulations” at www.communities.gov.uk .

Note 2.

Full details of the proposed work may be required including an “electrical installation diagram and specification” showing compliance with BS 7671 (the IEE Wiring Regulations) e.g. cable types, circuits, fuses/circuit breakers, earthing and bonding conductors; and fixed electrical appliances.