

Building Standards

Guidance Notes for Certification of Electrical Installations

As verifiers must make reasonable enquiry and subsequently be satisfied that electrical works have been designed, installed, inspected and tested in accordance with BS 7671: 2008 (2011) (Requirements for Electrical Installations) to ensure that compliance with the Building Standards (Scotland) Regulations 2004 is achieved.

Following guidance issued by the Building Standards Division of the Scottish Government (BSD) and the Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABBS) the Building Standards Service have adopted the following policy for all new electrical works installed as part of Building Warrant applications submitted on or after 1st October 2006:-

On submitting a Completion Certificate to the Verifier the relevant person submitting the Completion Certificate should also provide:-

1. a Certificate of Construction*, or
2. a relevant BS 7671 Certificate, together with inspection and test results, completed and signed by a **competent installer****

* a Certificate of Construction is a certificate issued by an Approved Certifier of Construction. A register of approved certifiers can be found on the Scottish Government Building Standards Division website
<http://www.certificationregister.co.uk/>

** a **competent installer** is deemed to be an installer having current membership of an accredited registration scheme operated by a recognised professional body. This could include a UKAS accredited scheme operated by NICEIC, SELECT or an equivalent body. Consideration could also be given to similar schemes. When considering alternatives, the additional requirements of an accredited registration scheme will be considered. This consideration will include the following:

- to keep testing equipment
- to update relevant knowledge and undertake relevant training

- to have support from the installer's employer; and
- to be subject to ongoing assessments (including audits)

Consequently, all building warrant applications submitted after 1st October 2006 requires that the Electrical installations are certified by a competent person either through the Approved Certification of Construction Scheme (ACC) or in accordance with the relevant BS7671 with associated schedules of inspections, test results etc. The relevant certificates are considered as an electrical installation certificate, minor electrical certificate or periodic inspection report and are utilised based on the electrical work type involved.

NOTE:-

1. It should be noted that the submission of a BS 7671 Certificate completed and signed by any other person other than a competent person** **will not** be accepted for any application submitted after 1st October 2006.