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		Guide 3 – Competent Person schemes and exemption of minor works.					
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From 6th April 2006 there are significant changes to the Building Regulations that cover the Conservation of Fuel and Power in buildings.

EXTENSION OF SELF CERTIFICATION SCHEMES.

There has been some amendments to the 'Governments Self Certification' schemes to allow members of such schemes to carry out work without having to submit a Building Regulation application. Listed below is the new scheme and the works permitted to be carried out:

Schedule 2B at the end of the document lists works where no notification / application is necessary.

If you do not fully comply with either of the two schedules below, then you must submit a Building Regulation application.

<i>Type of work.</i>		<i>Person carrying out work.</i>
1.	Installation of a heat-producing gas appliance.	A person, or an employee of a person, who is a member of a class of persons approved in accordance with regulation 3 of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regs 1998.
2.	Installation of heating or hot water service system connected to a heat-producing gas appliance, or associated controls.	A person registered by CORGI Services Limited in respect of that type of work.
3.	Installation of — (a) an oil-fired combustion appliance which has a rated heat output of 100 kilowatts or less and which is installed in a building with no more than 3 storeys (excluding any basement) or in a dwelling; (b) oil storage tanks and the pipes connecting them to combustion appliances; or (c) heating and hot water service systems connected to an oil-fired combustion appliance.	An individual registered by Oil Firing Technical Association Limited, NAPIT Certification Limited or Building Engineering Services Competence Accreditation Limited in respect of that type of work.
4.	Installation of — (a) a solid fuel burning combustion appliance which has a rated heat output of 50 kilowatts or less which is installed in a building with no more than 3 storeys (excluding any basement); or (b) heating and hot water service systems connected to a solid fuel burning combustion appliance.	A person registered by HETAS Limited, NAPIT Certification Limited or Building Engineering Services Competence Accreditation Limited in respect of that type of work.
5.	Installation of a heating or hot water service system, or associated controls, in a dwelling.	A person registered by Building Engineering Services Competence Accreditation Limited in respect of that type of work.
6.	Installation of a heating, hot water service, mechanical ventilation or air conditioning system, or associated controls, in a building other than a dwelling.	A person registered by Building Engineering Services Competence Accreditation Limited in respect of that type of work.
7.	Installation of an air conditioning or ventilation system in an existing dwelling, which does not involve work on systems shared with other dwellings.	A person registered by CORGI Services Limited or NAPIT Certification Limited in respect of that type of work.
8.	Installation of a commercial kitchen ventilation system which does not involve work on systems shared with parts of the building occupied separately.	A person registered by CORGI Services Limited in respect of that type of work.

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9.	Installation of a lighting system or electric heating system, or associated electrical controls.	A person registered by The Electrical Contractors Association Limited in respect of that type of work.
10.	Installation of fixed low or extra-low voltage electrical installations.	A person registered by BRE Certification Limited, British Standards Institution, ELECSA Limited, NICEIC Group Limited or NAPIT Certification Limited in respect of that type of work.
11.	Installation of fixed low or extra-low voltage electrical installations as a necessary adjunct to or arising out of other work being carried out by the registered person.	A person registered by CORGI Services Limited, ELECSA Limited, NAPIT Certification Limited, NICEIC Group Limited or Oil Firing Technical Association Limited in respect of that type of electrical work.
12.	Installation, as a replacement, of a window, roof light, roof window or door (being a door which together with its frame has more than 50 per cent of its internal face area glazed) in an existing building.	A person registered under the Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme by Fensa Ltd, or by CERTASS Limited or the British Standards Institution in respect of that type of work.
13.	Installation of a sanitary convenience, washing facility or bathroom in a dwelling, which does not involve work on shared or underground drainage.	A person registered by CORGI Services Limited or NAPIT Certification Limited in respect of that type of work.
14.	<p>(1) Subject to paragraph (2), any building work, other than the provision of a masonry chimney, which is necessary to ensure that any appliance, service or fitting which is installed and which is described in the preceding entries in column 1 above, complies with the applicable requirements contained in Schedule 1.</p> <p>(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to —</p> <p>(a) building work which is necessary to ensure that a heat-producing gas appliance complies with the applicable requirements contained in Schedule 1 unless the appliance—</p> <p>(i) has a rated heat output of 100 kilowatts or less; and</p> <p>(ii) is installed in a building with no more than 3 storeys (excluding any basement), or in a dwelling; or</p> <p>(b) the provision of a masonry chimney.</p>	The person who installs the appliance, service or fitting to which the building work relates and who is described in the corresponding entry in column 2 above."

<p>Interpretation and application</p> <p>1. For the purposes of this Schedule - "appliance" includes any fittings or services, other than a hot water storage vessel which does not incorporate a vent pipe to the atmosphere, which form part of the space heating or hot water system served by the combustion appliance; and</p> <p>"building work" does not include the provision of a masonry chimney.</p> <p>2. The final entry in the table above does not apply to building work which is necessary to ensure that a heat-producing gas appliance complies with the applicable requirements contained in Schedule 1 unless the appliance -</p> <p>(a) has a net rated heat input of 70 kilowatts or less; and</p> <p>(b) is installed in a building with no more than 3 storeys (excluding any basement).</p>

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REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFYING THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Where work is undertaken in accordance with the above schemes, there is still a requirement to notify the Local Authority in writing or electronically **not more than 30 days** after the works completion with details of the works undertaken / who undertook the work, etc. and to give a copy of the certificate to the Householder.

It is intended that the trade associations relevant to the works being undertaken will electronically notify the Local Authority, as for the previous 'Competent Persons Schemes':

NOTE - This requirement does not apply where a person carries out building work described in Schedule 2B below.

SCHEDULE 2B DESCRIPTIONS OF WORK WHERE NO BUILDING NOTICE OR DEPOSIT OF FULL PLANS REQUIRED.

1. Work consisting of –

(a) replacing any fixed electrical equipment which does not include the provision of—

(i) any new fixed cabling; or (ii) a consumer unit;" and

(b) replacing a damaged cable for a single circuit only;

(c) re-fixing or replacing enclosures of existing installation components, where the circuit protective measures are unaffected;

(d) providing mechanical protection to an existing fixed installation, where the circuit protective measures and current carrying capacity of conductors are unaffected by the increased thermal insulation.

(e) installing or upgrading main or supplementary equipotential bonding;

(f) in heating or cooling systems—

(i) replacing control devices that utilise existing fixed control wiring or pneumatic pipes;

(ii) replacing a distribution system output device;

(iii) providing a valve or a pump;

(iv) providing a damper or a fan;

(g) in hot water service systems, providing a valve or a pump;

(h) replacing an external door (where the door together with its frame has not more than 50% of its internal face area glazed);

(i) in existing buildings other than dwellings, providing fixed internal lighting where no more than 100m² of the floor area of the building is to be served by the lighting.";

2. Work which –

(a) is not in a kitchen, or a special location,

(b) does not involve work on a special installation, and

(c) consists of -

(i) adding light fittings and switches to an existing circuit; or

(ii) adding socket outlets and fused spurs to an existing ring or radial circuit;

3. Work on –

(a) telephone wiring or extra-low voltage wiring for the purposes of communications, information technology, signalling, control and similar purposes, where the wiring is not in a special location;

(b) equipment associated with the wiring referred to in sub-paragraph (a).

(c) pre-fabricated equipment sets and associated flexible leads with integral plug and socket connections."; and

4. For the purposes of this Schedule –

"kitchen" means a room or part of a room which contains a sink and food preparation facilities;

"special installation" means an electric floor or ceiling heating system, a outdoor lighting or electric power installation, an electricity generator, or an extra-low voltage lighting system which is not a pre-assembled lighting set bearing the CE marking referred to in regulation 9 of the Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 1994; and

"special location" means a location within the limits of the relevant zones specified for a bath, a shower, a swimming or paddling pool or a hot air sauna in the Wiring Regulations, sixteenth edition, published by the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the British Standards Institution as BS 7671: 2001 and incorporating amendments 1 & 2."

(For more advice on the Part P exemptions refer to guide 20.)