

Important Information for Building Control Officers in England and Wales

OFTEC INFORMATION SHEET

Competent Person (Statutory Instrument 2002 No 440)

Building Regulations are designed to ensure the health and safety of people in and around buildings by providing functional requirements for building design and construction. The Building Regulations also promote energy efficiency in buildings.

Under the Building Act 1984, anyone carrying out certain types of building works must give Building Notice or Building Regulations approval to Building Control. On 1st April 2002 an amendment to Regulation 12 of the Building Regulations came into force. This exempts OFTEC Registered Technicians (Competent Persons) from the need to give such notice when carrying new installation work, replacement works or making a major change to the system in areas covered by their scope of OFTEC Registration.



This requirement was expanded on the 1st January 2005 (Statutory Instrument 2004 No 3210) to cover electrical work as required by Approved Document P (Part P) of the Building Regulations.

Training

OFTEC runs a series of courses designed to provide the necessary knowledge and understanding of Building Regulations and good practice. These courses also cover safety, environmental protection and technical aspects of oil firing.

The table on the reverse illustrates the different types of OFTEC Registration, and the work which OFTEC Registered Technicians can “self certify” as Competent Persons.

Work Notification (Statutory Instrument 2004 No 3210)

Changes to the Building Regulations mean that since April 1st 2005, Local Authority Building Control must be notified of any oil firing, storage, installation and commissioning works undertaken and self-certificated by OFTEC Registered Technicians. Furthermore, householders must receive a certificate of any works undertaken in their home, and that they comply with the Building Regulations in force on the date the works were completed. OFTEC Registered Technicians have a choice of notifying work online or by using the Building Regulations Work Notification Fax form.

Once OFTEC receives the notification, the householder is sent a certificate of compliance (this is to show that the work has been undertaken by a competent person) and OFTEC automatically updates the Local Authority Building Control Department with the relevant information.

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OFTEC Qualification

Self Certifiable Work

OFT 105E *

(Domestic oil firing system installation and fuel conservation).

(Utilising OFTEC CD/10 & CD/30)

** Domestic Oil Storage Tanks were removed from the 105E Qualification on 1st July 2005.*

- Install open flued pressure jet/conversion appliance.
- Install room sealed balanced flue pressure jet appliance.
- Install open flued vapourising appliance/conversion.
- Install fan assisted vapourising appliance.
- Install wet central heating systems and controls*.
- Install wet central heating controls*.
- Install open flue system chimney and data plate.
- Install open flue chimney lining and data plate
- Commission central heating systems and controls. (Less the appliance)
- Install fire valves.

Note: A separate electrical qualification is required to wire heating system controls. Contact OFTEC for information on OFT103 training.

OFT 600a

(Advanced domestic and non-domestic oil storage tank installation).

(Utilising OFTEC CD/10 & TI/133D)

- Install domestic oil storage facility.
- Install oil supply facility.
- Install non-domestic oil storage facility.
- Install fire valves.

OFT 101

(Domestic/light commercial oil firing commissioning and servicing, pressure jet appliances).

(Utilising OFTEC CD/11)

- Install fire valves.
- Commission a pressure jet appliance installation.

OFT 102

(Domestic oil firing commissioning and servicing, vapourising appliance).

(Utilising OFTEC CD/11)

- Install fire valves.
- Commission vapourising appliance installation.

OFT 103

(BS 7671 Defined scope Electrical installation and maintenance).

(Utilising OFTEC CD/20 & CD/21)

- Reposition a fused spur, socket outlet, programmer, room thermostat etc which is part of an existing electrical circuit in any location.
- Provide a new electrical circuit and outlet from a consumer unit for an oil installation.
- Extend an existing electrical circuit to provide a new outlet for an oil installation in a kitchen or defined special location.
- Provide main and/or supplementary equipotential bonding to an oil installation in a kitchen or defined special location.
- Provide fused spur or socket outlet to an existing electrical circuit in a kitchen or defined special location.
- Wire central heating controls (programmer, room thermostat, cylinder thermostat, motorised valves etc) from an electrical outlet from a kitchen or defined special location.

NOTE: Separate qualifications are required for installations involving unvented hot water storage covered by Advisory Document G3

