

Worried about wiring?

The OFTEC Registration Scheme

OFTEC Registration was acknowledged as a Competent Person Self-Certification Scheme for the purpose of legislation in England and Wales under Statutory Instrument 2002 No. 440. It is of course much more than that offering technical support services to industry and Registered Technicians alike in Scotland, Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Channel Isles and Isle of Man.



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England & Wales Buildings Regulations Part P and Notification of Electrical Works

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) has been and is undertaking a general review of the way Building Regulations work is managed and how the work is certificated. As part of the review a new Building Regulation, Part P came into effect on 1st January 2005. This regulation calls for electrical works to be carried out in compliance with BS 7671 with certain specified electrical works being deemed notifiable. These requirements should be of no surprise to OFTEC Registered Technicians as compliance with BS 7671 for electrical works (associated with oil works), is and has been for some number of years called for in BS 5410 Part 1 1997 and has been referenced in OFTEC publications and practices accordingly.

Notifiable electrical works must be notified to Building Control via either submission of proposals for full Building Regulations approval or via a Building Notice. Both methods incorporate onerous requirements (inc. fees from around £60 per job through to about £240 and involves inspections of **all** notifiable works by Local Authority Building Control Officers) which result in an added



burden of both time and money costs for you and your customers. However for OFTEC Registered Technicians there is good news. OFTEC is now authorised to operate a (Defined Scope) Competent Person Self-Certification scheme for part P of the Building Regulations 2000 (as amended by Statutory Instrument 2004 No. 3210).

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OFTEC will offer, via its network of Approved training & Assessment centres, a training and assessment option (OFT 103) on a similar basis to our 105e, 101, 102 courses etc., which will enable the new OFT 103 OFTEC Registered Technician to carry out (defined) electrical installation works to BS 7671 and additionally in England & Wales “self-certificate” notifiable works.

OFTEC Registered 103 oil Technicians/Businesses will be able to carry out notifiable electrical works in England & Wales in connection with oil firing equipment or systems and self-certificate that work by sending details to OFTEC. All “notifiable” works must be notified to OFTEC for us to keep a register of works, notify the relevant Local Authority and send a certificate of compliance to the householder or dwelling owner on your behalf.

These new arrangements offer properly registered and competent OFTEC Businesses and Technicians opportunities to promote their business and to earn extra money through professional self-certification in partnership with OFTEC whilst at the same time serving your customers and reducing their financial burden.

OFTEC Defined Scope Scheme – Qualification requirements

The Individual Operative wishing to apply for OFTEC 103 Registration shall have one of the following or an equivalent qualification:

- OFTEC OFT 103* UKAS EN17024 3rd Party independent assessment
- Other equivalent UKAS EN17024 3rd Party independent assessment
- City & Guilds 2381
- Domestic Electrical Installer Qualification - (National Accredited Qualification)
- City & Guilds 2380 (16th Edition) Certificate
- City & Guilds 2360 Part 2 (Electrical Installation Competencies), passed in 1993 or after
- NVQ/SVQ level 3 in installing and commissioning electro-technical systems and equipment awarded in 1993 or after
- The Scottish Qualification Authority Tailored Award in Design and Verification of Electrical Installation
- City and Guilds 2400

** Availability to be advised via www.oftec.org*



OFTEC Defined Scope Scheme – Registration requirements

Registration & Inspection basic requirements are defined by Government to provide parity with the electrical Industry as follows:

- The Business/Technician must be registered with OFTEC for Oil Works.
- There is a Government requirement for annual inspection of electrical works and for OFTEC's 103 registration this is £150 p.a. for up to 5 Technicians; with a once only £40 registration of qualification fee per electrically qualified person.
- All “notifiable works” (England & Wales) must be notified to OFTEC starting with notifiable electrical works from Jan 1st 05 for 103 registrants. A certificate fee paid (Jan to March 31st 05 @ £5 then from April 1st 05 all notifiable building regulations described in SI 440 2002 and the latest Part P requirements either on-line at £2.50 or by telephone @ £4.50 each job by direct debit). *Please note there may be a temporary fax system in place during April whilst we complete the development of our on-line and phone systems.*
- An Annual inspection of electrical works will be carried out for all 103 registrants at least in the short term. This may change in the future.
- The Registered Business will be required to offer consumers an appropriate insurance backed warrantee. *OFTEC is currently seeking the least cost option for its Registrants.*
- The Registered Business will be required to have adequate PL insurance. *Also available via OFTEC at discounted rates.*
- The Registered Business will be required to operate a complaints system with records.
- The Registered Business will be required to have a health & safety policy.

For further information please see the regular updates on the OFTEC web site www.oftec.org or contact OFTEC on the usual numbers. You can also visit the Governments Building Regulations web site at www.ODPM.gov.uk