



# Service Matters

Technical information for the Institute of Refrigeration Service Engineers' Section

*If you are involved in installing air conditioning equipment in houses or flats (including communal areas) you will be subject to "Part P of the Building Regulations" from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2005*

## Registration for domestic electrical installations

The requirements can be summed up as:

- All electrical work in **homes** must comply with BS 7671 (the IEE Wiring Regulations), and
- Certain major works are '**notifiable**', which means they either have to be notified to Building Control (who will inspect the work for compliance with Building Regulations) or carried out by a '**registered**' installer (who will self-certify compliance with the Building Regulations).
- Installers can register with one of ten 'competent person self-certification' schemes that have been approved by ODPM (the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister).
- Notifiable works include the installation of new circuits back to the consumer unit and extensions to existing circuits in kitchens and bathrooms.
- **Refrigeration engineers** who make connections to consumer units will need to go through Building Control, or register with one of the self-certification schemes. Installers who do a lot of electrical work will find it cheaper to register than to pay a building control fee every time they do electrical work.
- 6. There are two types of **self-certification** scheme: 'full competence' schemes aimed at full-time electricians, and 'defined competence' schemes aimed at installers who do a bit of electrical work as part of another main activity (eg kitchen fitters, central heating installers - and perhaps refrigeration engineers).
- Five full competence schemes have been approved, operated by BSI, BRE Certification, ELECSA, NAPIT and NICEIC. Five defined competence schemes have been approved, operated by CORGI, ELECSA, NAPIT, NICEIC and OFTEC.

### Sources of further information:

The office of the Deputy Prime Minister at [www.odpm.gov.uk](http://www.odpm.gov.uk).

For general information about the impact of Part P call **0800 013 0900**  
<http://www.niceic.org.uk/partp/partpindex.html>

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