

## Part P Full Competent Persons Scheme providers

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Building Engineering Services Competent Assessment Ltd  
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Benchmark Certification Ltd  
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You can also search for a competent person by going to [www.gov.uk/building-regulations-competent-person-schemes/current-schemes](http://www.gov.uk/building-regulations-competent-person-schemes/current-schemes).

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We take a real pride in seeing good buildings delivered in our community and ensuring health and safety within the built environment. If you have any questions about making a building regulations application please contact us.

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Tandridge Building Control May 2013.



## Building Control



**The Building Regulations  
and Compliance with Part P  
(Electrical Safety)**

## About this leaflet

This leaflet has been written to provide advice on particular aspects of the Building Regulations. It is not a statement of the law but is intended to help you understand current legislation. For further advice please contact Tandridge Building Control at the number on the back of this leaflet.

## Introduction

From 1 January 2005 the design, installation and testing of electrical installations has been controlled under the Building Regulations. In order for an electrician to be able to self-certify his work as complying with “Part P electrical safety” he must be registered as such under one of the Part P Competent Persons Schemes. (See back of leaflet for more information.)

## What type of electrical work needs to comply with Part P?

The list below gives examples of electrical installation work and locations where the work needs to comply with Part P. There are two ways of doing this; either by having the work carried out by a Part P Competent Persons Scheme member or by submitting a Building Notice to Building Control before the work starts.

### Type of work:

- New installation, rewire or partial rewire.
- New consumer unit.
- One or more new circuits.
- Modifying a circuit in special location or involving a special installation.
- New outdoor wiring such as garden lighting or power installations or photovoltaic panels on roof.
- A new socket outlet on an outside wall.

### Locations:

- Building sharing supply with dwelling.
- Shared areas of block of flats such as laundries.
- Common area of block of flats (excluding power supplies to lifts).
- Flat, dwelling house.
- Detached shed, garage or greenhouse.
- Kitchen.
- Garden.
- Special location, (eg a room containing bath or shower, swimming pool, paddling pool, sauna).

## Exemptions

You do not need to tell Building Control about:

- Repairs, replacements and maintenance work
- Extra power points or lighting points or other alterations to existing circuits (except in a bathroom or outdoors).

You do however need to tell us about most other works. Please refer to the list above or contact us at the number on the back of this leaflet for further guidance.

## Using an electrician to carry out Part P work

We strongly recommend that you use an electrician/installer who is registered under a Part P Competent Persons Scheme as they are familiar with the legislation and are qualified to carry out the work.

In such cases you do not need to submit a Building Notice for the work (or notify us otherwise) as we will receive electronic notification from their registered body (such as NICEIC, ELECSA) once the work has been carried out satisfactorily.

## Submitting a Building Notice for Part P work

A Building Notice application and the appropriate fee will need to be submitted before work starts where electrical work is to be carried out by:

- A competent electrician who is not registered under the Part P Competent Persons Scheme.
- An electrician who is unregistered.
- A DIY installer.

On receipt of the application we will organise for the work to be inspected, tested and certified by an electrician registered under a Part P Competent Persons Scheme. We will then issue a Completion Certificate for the work once a satisfactory final inspection of the works has taken place.

## The Building Regulations charge

There is a fixed minimum charge for notifiable electrical work only. Please contact Building Control for further information.

## How to find a Part P registered Competent Person

While compliance with “Part P Electrical Safety” of the Building Regulations is compulsory, registration by an electrician with a Competent Persons Scheme is not.

Businesses carrying out work covered by the Building Regulations are encouraged to join one of the government’s approved schemes, however they may choose to continue to use a building control body to inspect the work and submit a Building Notice instead.

All of the certified Competent Persons registered to carry out electrical work are registered in schemes run by the following scheme providers. To find a Competent Person you should contact the organisations listed overleaf.