



## Building Regulations 2010 Regulation Part P Electrical Safety

Requirement Part P Electrical Safety came into force on 1 January 2005. The following is a summary of how we as local Authorities will apply the Regulations. You may find that other Local Authorities work slightly differently and you are advised, before undertaking any work, to check with the Council in whose area your project is.

### Part P applies to work carried out on:

- Dwelling houses and flats including common access areas.
- Non-residential parts of buildings that are served by a common supply serving dwellings.
- Shared amenities of blocks of flats such as laundries and gymnasiums.

Part P also applies to parts of the above electrical installations:

- In or on land associated with the buildings – for example fixed lighting, pond pumps in gardens, outbuildings detached garages etc.

The design, installation, inspection and testing of the electrical installation must be carried out in accordance with BS7671: 2008.

### How it works

#### Full plans applications

When full plans applications are submitted they should be endorsed as follows:-

***All electrical work required to meet the requirements of Part P (Electrical Safety) must be designed, installed, inspected and tested by a person competent to do so.***

***Prior to completion the Council must be satisfied that an appropriate BS 7671 electrical installation certificate has been issued for the work, and that it has been signed by a person competent to do so.***

The relevant section of the application form should be completed to indicate whether the works will be done under a competent persons scheme or will be fully authorised by the Local authority.

#### Building Notice applications

These will be deposited in the normal way with the appropriate information about the work being undertaken.



## During the progress of work

The Building Control Surveyor will need to establish if the installer is

- a) Working under a competent persons scheme or
- b) A competent electrician who will be providing an appropriate BS 7671 electrical installation certificate for the work or
- c) A person unable to demonstrate the required competence will therefore need to obtain an electrical installation certificate for the work from a competent person, or the local authority will

The electrical industry has agreed to provide a list of competent electricians who can carry out inspections and tests and provide such certificates.

Other than for a) above the Building Control Surveyor may wish to inspect the wiring at first fix stage and will ask the builder or electrician undertaking the work to inform him when that stage is ready.

Prior to the issuing of a Building Control Completion Certificate the Council must be provided with either:

1. A copy of an Electrical Installation Certificate, issued under a "Competent Persons Scheme" or alternatively:
2. A copy of an Electrical Installation Certificate in accordance with BS7671: 2008 and the IEE Model forms.

## Important note on Building Control Charges

The charge relating to both the application and the amount of involvement needed by building control will alter dependent upon the level of qualification of the person doing the installation, please see the guidance note on charges for guidance.