

Installers can join CORGI's Part P Scheme for electrical work

Installers who wish to carry out electrical work can join the CORGI Part P Scheme from the end of this month, which will enable them to self-certify that work meets Building Regulations requirements. These are the latest details.

As announced in a previous issue of *Gas Installer*, CORGI has been given Government approval to run a defined scope Part P Scheme, which will come into effect at the beginning of April. The scheme allows installers to notify Building Regulations compliance for electrical installation work in domestic dwellings, carried out as a consequence of other work. Under Part P, there are three levels of work, and the CORGI scheme will cover the requirement to notify work carried out at levels B and C only. Details of the type of work carried out at these levels are listed below.

Under the new CORGI scheme, registered installers who carry out electrical work during gas appliance installations will be able to self-certify that this work meets the requirements of Building Regulations.

In order to self-certify electrical work, installers are required to hold an appropriate electrical qualification. The table on the right provides an outline of qualifications that will allow installers to demonstrate their competence.

In addition to these qualifications, in order to join the scheme installers will need to declare that they possess appropriate professional indemnity insurance and offer the customer an insurance-backed work warranty.

Installers can join the CORGI scheme during the same process as renewing their CORGI Registration. Businesses can state if they wish to

join by completing Sections 4 and 5 in the registration renewals pack. Businesses with installers who hold any of the above qualifications can begin notifying through CORGI from 1 April 2005. Until this time, Local Building Control will need to be notified directly.

Operatives who have other formal training, experience or another relevant qualification will

need to undergo an assessment in order to join the scheme. Further information on how to join the Part P Scheme will be included in the registration renewals pack.

The table on the right outlines examples of electrical work activity areas that are notifiable under Building Regulations (see first column for exceptions).

Qualifications	Level		
Electrical Certificates:	B	C2	C1
City & Guilds 2381: Certificate in the Requirements for Electrical Installation (BS7671:June2001)	✓	✓	✓
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	✓	✓	✓
City & Guilds 2330	✓	✓	✓
City & Guilds 2355 and 2356 - 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: Design Erection and Verification of Electrical Installations	✓	✓	✓
Current ACoP Element 6 Essential Electrics	✗	✗	✓
Current ACoP Element 7 Control Systems	✗	✗	✓
Gas Services Qualifications (with electrical content):			
City & Guilds 662 Gas Service Engineer	✗	✗	✓
Gas Services NVQs:			
City & Guilds 6006 Installation & Maintenance Level 2			
City & Guilds 6006 Installation & Maintenance Level 3	✗	✗	✓
City & Guilds 6016 Installation & Maintenance Level 2			
City & Guilds 6016 Installation & Maintenance Level 3	✗	✗	✓
City & Guilds 6013/01 Maintenance Level 2			
City & Guilds 6013/03 Maintenance Level 3	✗	✗	✓
City & Guilds 6013/02 Installation Level 2			
City & Guilds 6013/04 Installation Level 3	✗	✗	✓
City & Guilds 6034 Installation & Maintenance Level 2			
City & Guilds 6034 Installation & Maintenance Level 3	✗	✗	✓
City & Guilds 6012 Installation & Maintenance Level 2			
City & Guilds 6012 Installation & Maintenance Level 3	✗	✗	✓

Level B: Install New Single Circuit

Work Range: Install New Single Circuit, Fused Spur, Wet C/H System Wiring & Fit Component

Level C2: Install Fused Spur to existing circuit

Work Range: Install Fused Spur to existing circuit, Wet C/H System Wiring & Fit Component

Level C1: Install C/H Wiring & Fit Components

Work Range: Install Wet C/H System Wiring & Fit Component

Work Level	Electrical Installation Work consisting of:	Is Notification of the Electrical Work required?		Certification – applicable to person registered with an electrical
		Work in kitchens or or Special Location & Installations (i)	Work in other areas	Self Certification (SC) scheme Building Regulations SC Certificate
A (Not Part of the CORGI Scheme)	*Upgrade power or lighting circuit wiring, eg, new circuit or extensions to circuits in kitchens, etc	Yes	No	Yes
B	Replacing the cable for a single circuit only, where damaged, for example, by fire, rodent or impact (a)	No	No	None
B	Install a new power or lighting circuit from the consumer unit	Yes	Yes	Yes
C2	Adding lighting points (light fittings and switches) to an existing circuit (e)	Yes	No	Yes
C2	Adding socket-outlets and fused spurs to an existing ring or radial circuit (e)	Yes	No	Yes
C2	Installing or upgrading main or supplementary equipotential bonding (f)	Yes	No	Yes
C1	Install new wiring system for, eg, a central heating system – including connection of electrical system components (h)	Yes	No	Yes
C1	Work on c/h system wiring to alter position of system components, eg, reposition c/h programmer or pump etc.	Yes	No	Yes
C1	Replacing accessories such as socket-outlets, control switches and ceiling roses	No	No	None
C1	Re-fixing or replacing the enclosures of existing installation components (b)	No	No	None
C1	Providing mechanical protection to existing fixed installations (c)	No	No	None
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C1	Connect replacement system component(s) – (h) e.g. for a central heating system – to an existing point in a suitable adjacent position.	No	No	None
C1	Connect new system components (h) – eg, upgrade an existing central heating system – to an existing point in a suitable adjacent position.	No	No	None
C1	Connect an immersion heater to an existing electrical point in a suitable adjacent position.	No	No	None
C1	Connect CE marked equipment (eg, a shower pump) to an existing point in a suitable position using the flexible cable provided for that purpose.	No	No	None
C1	Connect CE marked electric cooker to an existing cooker point in a suitable position using the flexible cable provided for that purpose.	No	No	None
C1	Disconnect redundant electrical appliances/ equipment	No	No	None
Out of Scope	Replacement of electrically operated parts/ components that are designed as part of an appliance/accessory.	No	No	None
Out of Scope	Servicing of gas appliances.	No	No	None
Out of Scope	Plug in a new or replacement appliance to an existing socket (g)	No	No	None

* Not normally part of gas work – included for illustration purposes only.

Gas Work Notification Update

From 1 April 2005, all CORGI Registered installers will be required to notify CORGI when they have installed or exchanged a gas appliance in a residential dwelling. To ensure that installers understand exactly what this means, *Gas Installer* has prepared a guide to the new process.

If you're driving to a customer's home in April to fit a new gas appliance, be aware that there's a new requirement of registration. Simply put, CORGI will need to be notified of every gas appliance that is installed or replaced within a residential dwelling, without exception. But what constitutes a residential dwelling?

Under Gas Work Notification, it is defined as a unit of residential accommodation, whether this is a sole or main residence used by

- a single person or people living together as a family
- OR a residence used by not more than six people living together as a single household, including a household where care is provided for residents. A residential dwelling includes the following:

- House
- Flat
- Bungalow
- Maisonette
- House boat
- Log cabin
- Leisure accommodation vehicles, such as mobile homes
- Residential park homes
- Holiday cottage/flat
- Short-term let accommodation up to six residents, eg, youth hostel, staff accommodation

This list is not exhaustive but it does cover the vast majority of dwellings that installers operate in and which fall within the scope of Gas Work Notification.

Gas Work Notification will make compliance with Building Regulations for Gas and Heating work a simple and easy process for installers. If installers in England & Wales would like CORGI to notify Local Building Control of Gas and Heating work on their behalf, all they need to do is "opt in" to Building Regulations in Section 6 of their Renewals Pack. CORGI will then notify Local Building Control of work carried out that is relevant under Building



Regulations for Gas and Heating.

There will be no additional costs for installers to "opt in" to Gas and Heating work, as it will take place during the same process as Gas Work Notification.

There are no other schemes that will allow installers to notify Building Regulations compliance for Gas and Heating work, so if installers choose not to self-certify Building Regulations compliance through CORGI, the work carried out must be approved by Local Building Control.

To minimise the impact of notification upon businesses, notification to CORGI will be a paperless process. Notification can be made to CORGI either over the phone by calling **0870 8888 777**, which will cost £4.50, or online at www.corgi-notify.com, which will

cost £2.50.

Installers will be able to notify CORGI of an installation over the phone between 8am and 8pm Monday to Friday, or 24 hours a day, seven days a week online. An average call should take approximately three minutes.

Notifications need to be made for each address where work is undertaken and relates to the property.

Installers will be able to notify up to six different activities per notification and can pay by direct debit, or use a credit or debit card. Installers will have 10 working days following an installation or exchange to notify CORGI.

- For further information on Gas Work Notification and Building Regulations visit www.corgi-gas.com