

Installer Certification



Correct installation of fire protection products is vital if they are to perform as intended and provide the specified fire performance. Incorrect installation can lead to non-performance, premature failure, loss of insurance cover and potential loss of life, property, stock and business interruption.

IFC Certification Ltd (IFCC) provides client focused independent third party certification for installers of fire protection products. To be effective in preventing or controlling the spread of fire, or for protection of structural elements from the effects of fire, these products need to be installed properly within their approved field of application. Failure to do so can compromise fire performance with consequences for property, life safety and commercial risk.

IFCC installer certification schemes complement IFCC schemes for product certification. Together they provide a system to give confidence to specifiers, contractors, enforcement authorities, regulators, end clients and building users that proven products, together with good installation, will achieve the required level of fire performance.

The IFC Certification Quality Mark enables installer companies to demonstrate the superiority of their installations, differentiating them from those who are not subject to such stringent third party certification scheme requirements.

All IFCC schemes are accredited by UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) and meet the requirements of an increasing number of jurisdictions that recognise or require the benefits provided by third party installer certification.

***... confidence in
fire safety***



The certification process

Certification is of a company and not the individual installer. The company must demonstrate that it is proficient in its field with good product knowledge and an understanding of regulations and of the importance of the correct installation of life safety systems.

IFCC initially assesses the company by auditing its office based activities and conducting an inspection of the site where fire protection is being installed.

Operatives and supervisors are assessed for their product knowledge and competence in installing fire protection.

Upon award of certification installers log all contracts with IFCC, from which sites are selected at random to be inspected by IFCC inspectors. A number of inspections will be conducted routinely each year but additional inspections, e.g. to meet contract requirements can be requested. Installers are expected to install only certificated or tested and approved products within their approved field of application.

On completion of a contract the installer issues a Certificate of Conformity for the contract showing details of the fire protection installed.

Certificated installers are listed in the IFCC online Register at www.ifccertification.com. The Register provides the supply chain with information about an installer and the scope of certification.

The schemes

IFCC's certification schemes are developed in close liaison with stakeholders to ensure they meet the industry's needs. The following installer schemes are currently available, more are under development:

- Fire resistant timber doors
- Fire resistant metal doors
- Fire resistant composite doors
- Fire resistant glass and glazing
- Structural steel fire protection; board systems, sprays, intumescent coatings
- Penetration and linear gap seals,
- Cavity barriers
- Timber and steel stud partitions
- Fire and smoke curtains (active or passive)
- Rolling shutters
- Fire rated dampers
- Fire rated ducts
- Residential & domestic sprinklers systems
- Commercial & industrial sprinklers systems
- Timber frame buildings (fire risk reduction)

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