

BUILDING REGULATIONS PART P - ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN DWELLINGS

DO I NEED TO NOTIFY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY FOR ELECTRICAL WORK?

Except as identified in the chart below, notification of proposals to carry out electrical installation work in a dwelling must be given to a building control body at least 48hrs before work begins. ***Should the work be undertaken by a person or firm registered with a Part P 'Competent Persons' self certification scheme they will automatically notify the Local Authority of such an installation within 30 days of completing the works and supply both the owner and Local Authority with all necessary certification.***

Whether or not work is notifiable is dependant on the nature of installation work proposed and its location within a dwelling. The location is important because some areas such as kitchens and bathrooms and special installations or locations' (see Table 2 Approved Document P) may pose a greater risk to people.

Examples of work (not exhaustive)	Notifiable	
	Areas not including bath/shower rooms and kitchens	Within a bath/shower room or kitchen (special location)
Complete rewire of/new installation	Yes	Yes
Installing a new circuit in an extension or loft	Yes	Yes
Consumer unit change	Yes	Yes
Installing a new shower circuit	Yes	Yes
Installing an additional socket on an existing circuit	No see [1] below	Yes
Installing an additional light	No see [1] below	Yes
Addition of fused connection unit to ring main circuit	No	Yes
Installing a new cooker circuit	Yes	Yes
Installing or upgrading main or supplementary equipotential bonding	No	Yes
Replacing a damaged cable for a single circuit	No see [2] below	No
Replacing a damaged socket outlet or replacing a light fitting	No	No
Installation and fit of a storage heater, including final circuit	Yes	Yes
Installing extra low voltage lighting (not CE marked sets)	Yes	Yes
Installing a socket or new supply in a garden shed or detached garage	Yes	N/A
Installing a light fitting in a greenhouse	Yes	N/A
Installing a pond pump, including supply	Yes	N/A
Installing a hot air sauna	Yes	Yes
Installing a solar photovoltaic power supply	Yes	Yes
Installing ceiling or floor heating	Yes	Yes
Installing a small scale generator	Yes	Yes

[1] Only if the existing circuit protective device is suitable and provides protection for the modified circuit, and other relevant safety provisions are satisfactory

[2] On condition the replacement cable has the same current carrying capacity, follows the same route and does not serve more than one sub-circuit through a distribution board