

Ashford Building Control

Part P – Electrical Safety

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From the 1 January 2005 electrical installations in dwellings become a “controlled service” under the Building Regulations 2010.

The new regulation, Part P – Electrical Safety, requires fixed electrical installations in dwellings to be suitably designed, installed, inspected and tested to provide reasonable protection to people from fire or injury. Also sufficient information shall be provided so that persons wishing to operate, maintain or alter an electrical installation can do so with reasonable safety.

Part P applies to electrical installations in:

- Dwellings
- Combined dwellings and business premises having a common supply (e.g. shops).
- Common access areas and shared facilities in blocks of flats (e.g. Laundry rooms, but not lifts).
- Outbuildings such as sheds, detached garages and greenhouses.
- External situations associated with buildings (e.g. fixed lighting and pond pumps).

Compliance with Part P can be achieved via one of the following options:

- 1. Self-certification by the person carrying out the electrical installation.** Note, Self-certification can only be given by a person who is registered with a government approved, competent persons scheme. This option is preferred by government and is likely to be the simplest and most economical.
- 2. Submitting a Building Regulation application to the Council for the fixed electrical work only.** This application will be in addition to that submitted for other work controlled by the Building Regulations and an additional charge will be payable. Note: Where this option is chosen the Council will arrange for a registered and competent person (acting as our agent) to carry out an inspection of the installation before covering up; and for an inspection and test of the completed installation.
- 3. Third-party certification by a registered third-party certifier.** An installer who is not a registered competent person may use a registered third-party to certify notifiable electrical installation work as an alternative to using a building control body. For further guidance see **Approved Document P 2013 edition section 3 Certification, inspection and testing 3.5 Certification by a registered third party.**

Statement of Intent. (Please indicate how you intend to comply with Part P)

I intend to follow optiondetailed above in connection with the electrical installation at:

Proposal

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Location

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Name.....Signature.....Date.....