

# BUILDING REGULATIONS PART P - ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN DWELLINGS



## ROUTES TO SAFE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

<b>A SECRETARY OF STATE ROUTE 'SELF CERTIFICATION'</b>	<b>B LOCAL AUTHORITY ROUTE 'BUILDING CONTROL ROUTE'</b>
1. Use electrical contractor registered as a ' <b>Competent Person</b> ' with a Company authorised by the Secretary of State.	1. Use electrical contractor not registered within a ' <b>Competent Persons Scheme</b> ' or carry out a DIY installation.
2. Contractor carries out electrical installation and issues British Standards 7671 Certificates to householder.	2. Electrical Contractor or householder submits a Building Regulation application to the Local Authority and pays fees as necessary.
3. Contractor notifies the Registration Company.	3. Electrical Contractor or DIY householder <b>notifies Local Authority that work has started and notifies the Local Authority when the wiring installation is completed before covering up, then again on completion.</b> Notification procedures are stated in The Building Regulations 2000 (as amended).
4. Registration Company notifies the Local Authority.	4. <b>The householder arranges for the installation to be supervised and tested in accordance with British Standards 7671</b> by a Supervisor with the minimum qualification of <b>City and Guilds 2391 (16<sup>th</sup> edition)</b> . The <b>Supervisor</b> must issue an <b>Installation Certificate</b> in accordance with <b>British Standards 7671</b> to the Local Authority, together with a copy of his/her City and Guilds 2391 Certificate. (The electrical contractor can act as supervisor if qualified to City and Guilds 2391 (16 <sup>th</sup> edition) and issue his/her own Certification)
5. Registration Company carries out random quality checks of installation using electrical consultant.	5. Local Authority <b>randomly</b> checks the work carried out by the Electrical Contractor or DIY householder using an Electrical Consultant working on behalf of the Local Authority.
6. Electrical Contractor rectifies any defects found by Registration Company.	6. The Local Authority issues a list of defects, if any, and Electrical Contractor or DIY householder rectifies the defects and has the installation re-tested and re-inspected by the <b>Supervisor</b> , who must then issue new Certificates to the Local Authority.
7. Registration Company can apply sanctions and remove "Competent Person" from Register.	7. The Local Authority may prosecute Electrical Contractor / DIY installer where defects are found that can make an installation dangerous or Installation Certificates have been falsified or not provided. <b>Failure to comply with The Building Regulations is a criminal offence.</b>
8. Local Authority attaches notification of "self certification" of electrical installation to property records and declares information whenever a property search is carried out.	8. Local Authority attaches records of electrical installation to property records and declares information whenever a property search is carried out.

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