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Building (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2015

Introduction

1. I am directed by Welsh Ministers to draw your attention to the removal and replacement of Schedule 3 (self-certification schemes and exemptions from the requirement to give building notice or deposit full plans) and changes to Regulation 43 (4) (Pressure testing) of the Building Regulations 2010 **in relation to Wales**.
2. The amendment regulations have been made by the Welsh Minister for Natural Resources in exercise of powers contained in the Building Act 1984.
3. The purpose of this Circular is to draw attention to changes that will come into force on the 31 July 2015.

Schedule 3 and Pressure Testing

4. Schedule 3 to the 2010 Regulations lists all the bodies that have been authorised to operate competent person self-certification schemes for various types of work. Installers who are registered with these schemes are authorised to certify their own work as compliant with the 2010 Regulations without having it checked by a building control body.
5. Amendment regulation 3 amends Schedule 3 of the Building Regulations 2010 to authorise new and extended competent person self-certification schemes and also to revoke the authorisation of schemes for types of work where they are no longer operating a scheme.
6. New row number 4 combines previous row numbers 2, 5, 6 and 7 (Installation of a heating or hot water system, or its associated controls) of the previous schedule in relation to Wales.
7. Amendment regulation 4(a) authorises a new scheme operator for pressure testing of new buildings on 31 July 2015 while amendment regulation 4(b) revokes the authorisation of another scheme operator on 31 December 2015.
8. Annex A to this circular gives full details of the approved new and extended scheme changes and Annex B give full details of the new row numbers and schemes authorised against each work type.

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Annex A

The following tables list all of the changes made by S.I 2015 No. 1486 (W. 165) to regulation 43(4) of and Schedule 3 to the Building Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/2214).

Authorisation which come into effect on 31 July 2015

Statutory reference in Building Regulations 2010	Type of Work	Name of new and extended Schemes
Regulation 43(4)	Pressure testing	Independent Air Tightness Testing Scheme
Schedule 3 Row 2	Installation of – (a) an oil-fired combustion appliance; or (b) oil storage tanks and the pipes connecting them to combustion appliances. This paragraph does not apply to the provision of a masonry chimney.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 3	Installation of a solid fuel-burning appliance other than a biomass appliance. This paragraph does not apply to the provision of a masonry chimney.	Oil Firing Technical Association Limited and Stroma Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 4	Installation of a heating or hot water system, or its associated controls.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 5	Installation of a mechanical ventilation or air conditioning system or associated controls, in a building other than a dwelling, that does not involve work on a system shared with parts of the building occupied separately.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 6	Installation of an air conditioning or mechanical ventilation system in a dwelling, that does not involve work on a system shared with other dwellings.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 7	Installation of an energy efficient lighting system or electric heating system or associated controls, in buildings other than dwellings.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 8	Installation of fixed low or extra-low voltage electrical installations in dwellings.	Blue Flame Certification Limited

Schedule 3 Row 9	Installation of fixed low or extra-low voltage electrical installations in dwellings, as a necessary adjunct to or arising out of other work being carried out by the registered person.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 10	Installation, as a replacement, of a window, rooflight, roof window or door in an existing dwelling.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 11	Installation, as a replacement, of a window, rooflight, roof window or door in an existing building other than a dwelling. This paragraph does not apply to glass which is load bearing or structural or which forms part of glazed curtain walling or a revolving door.	Blue Flame Certification Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited and Network VEKA
Schedule 3 Row 13	Installation of a wholesome cold water supply or a softened wholesome cold water supply.	Stroma Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 17	Insertion of insulating material into the cavity walls of an existing building.	Blue Flame Certification Limited and CERTASS Limited
Schedule 3 Row 18	Installation of insulating material to the internal walls of a building, not including the installation of flexible thermal linings.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 19	Installation of insulating material to the external walls of a building, not including insulation of demountable-clad buildings.	Blue Flame Certification Limited
Schedule 3 Row 20	Installation of insulating material to the external and internal walls of a building (“hybrid insulation”), not including insulation of demountable-clad buildings, and not including the installation of flexible thermal linings.	Blue Flame Certification Limited, CERTASS Limited and Stroma Certification Limited

Revocation of Authorisation

Statutory reference in Building Regulations 2010	Type of Work	Name of Scheme	In effect
Regulation 43(4)	Pressure testing	British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing	31 December 2015

<p>Schedule 3 Row 2</p>	<p>Installation of –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) an oil-fired combustion appliance; or (b) oil storage tanks and the pipes connecting them to combustion appliances. <p>This paragraph does not apply to the provision of a masonry chimney.</p>	<p>Benchmark Certification Limited</p>	<p>31 July 2015</p>
<p>Schedule 3 Row 15</p>	<p>Installation in a building of a system to produce electricity, heat or cooling –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) by microgeneration; or (b) from renewable sources (as defined in Directive 2009/82/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources) 	<p>BRE Global Limited</p>	<p>31 July 2015</p>

Annex B

The following table lists the previous row numbers and the new row numbers, type of work and authorised schemes.

Previous Row Number	New Row Number	Column 1 Type of Work	Column 2 Person carrying out work
1	1	Installation of a heat-producing gas appliance. This paragraph does not apply to the provision of a masonry chimney.	A person, or an employee of a person, who is a member of a class of persons approved in accordance with regulation 3 of the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998.
3	2	Installation of— an oil-fired combustion appliance; or oil storage tanks and the pipes connecting them to combustion appliances. This paragraph does not apply to the provision of a masonry chimney.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited, Oil Firing Technical Association Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
4	3	Installation of a solid fuel-burning combustion appliance other than a biomass appliance. This paragraph does not apply to the provision of a masonry chimney.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, HETAS Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited, Oil Firing Technical Association Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
2, 5, 6 and 7	4	Installation of a heating or hot water system, or its associated controls.	A person, or an employee of a person, who is a member of a class of persons approved in accordance with regulation 3 of the Gas

			Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations 1998, or a person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, HETAS Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited, Oil Firing Technical Association Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
8	5	Installation of a mechanical ventilation or air conditioning system or associated controls, in a building other than a dwelling, that does not involve work on a system shared with parts of the building occupied separately.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
9	6	Installation of an air conditioning or ventilation system in a dwelling, that does not involve work on a system shared with other dwellings.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
10	7	Installation of an energy efficient lighting system or electric heating system, or associated electrical controls, in buildings other than dwellings.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification

			Limited.
11	8	Installation of fixed low or extra-low voltage electrical installations in dwellings.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by BSI Assurance UK Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited, Oil Firing Technical Association Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
12	9	Installation of fixed low or extra-low voltage electrical installations in dwellings, as a necessary adjunct to or arising out of other work being carried out by the registered person.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Blue Flame Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
13	10	Installation, as a replacement, of a window, rooflight, roof window or door in an existing dwelling.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by BM Trada Certification Limited, BSI Assurance UK Limited, Blue Flame Certification Limited, CERTASS Limited, Certsure LLP, by Fensa Limited under the Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme, by NAPIT Registration Limited, Network VEKA Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.

21	11	Installation, as a replacement, of a window, rooflight, roof window or door in an existing building other than a dwelling. This paragraph does not apply to glass which is load bearing or structural or which forms part of glazed curtain walling or a revolving door.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by BM Trada Certification Limited, Blue Flame Certification Limited, CERTASS Limited, Certsure LLP, by Fensa Limited under the Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme, by NAPIT Registration Limited, Network VEKA Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
14	12	Installation of a sanitary convenience, sink, washbasin, bidet, fixed bath, shower or bathroom in a dwelling, that does not involve work on shared or underground drainage.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, HETAS Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
15	13	Installation of a wholesome cold water supply or a softened wholesome cold water supply.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, HETAS Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
16	14	Installation of a supply of non-wholesome water to a sanitary convenience fitted with a flushing device, that does not involve work on shared or underground drainage.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment

			Limited, Certsure LLP, HETAS Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
17	15	Installation in a building of a system to produce electricity, heat or cooling— by microgeneration; or from renewable sources (as defined in Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources).	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractors (Certification) Limited, Benchmark Certification Limited, Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment Limited, Certsure LLP, HETAS Limited, NAPIT Registration Limited, Oil Firing Technical Association Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
19	16	Installation, as a replacement, of the covering of a pitched or flat roof and work carried out by the registered person as a necessary adjunct to that installation. This paragraph does not apply to the installation of solar panels.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by NAPIT Registration Limited or the National Federation of Roofing Contractors Limited.
18	17	Insertion of insulating material into the cavity walls of an existing building.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, CERTASS Limited, The Cavity Insulation Guarantee Agency under the Cavity Wall Insulation Self-Certification Scheme, by Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
22	18	Installation of insulating material to the internal walls of a building, not including the installation of flexible thermal linings.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, British Board of Agrément, CERTASS Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.

23	19	Installation of insulating material to the external walls of a building, not including insulation of demountable-clad buildings.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, British Board of Agrément, CERTASS Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.
24	20	Installation of insulating material to the external and internal walls of a building (“hybrid insulation”), not including insulation of demountable-clad buildings, and not including the installation of flexible thermal linings.	A person registered in respect of that type of work by Blue Flame Certification Limited, British Board of Agrément, CERTASS Limited, Certsure LLP, NAPIT Registration Limited or Stroma Certification Limited.”