

# Notifying Your Work Electrical Installation Work - WALES

## How to notify work

All notifiable work must be notified using one of the two routes recognised by the Welsh government:

### Route 1: Direct notification through Local Authority Building Control

The homeowner must contact Building Control directly to ensure that a Building Control Officer visits the installation and issues a compliance certificate. The cost for this can vary depending on area.

### Route 2: Self-certification through a recognised scheme such as ELECSA

Firms registered with the ELECSA Part P scheme can self-certify all notifiable work themselves via the ELECSA website, by phone or fax. Notification of work must take place within 20 days of it being completed. There is no need to contact the Local Building Control directly as we will notify the work on your behalf.

It is important to note that registered firms can only certify their own work – they are not allowed to certify the work of a third party as complying with Part P. This does not affect their ability to inspect and test.

## The notification process

The core principle of ELECSA is to keep the additional paperwork and hassle that you have to endure to an absolute minimum. To this end, we have implemented a system whereby all the responsibility of notifying the homeowner and the relevant Local Authority of the installation is handled by us – all you need to do is inform us once you have completed the installation. We do not require you to submit the BS7671 test results and certificates to us.

## Who needs to be notified?

It is a legal requirement that each notifiable installation carried out by a registered contractor needs to be notified to three separate bodies:

- The relevant self-certifying scheme – done by you
- The relevant Local Authority – done by ELECSA
- The householder – done by ELECSA

## What needs to be notified\* in Wales?

Domestic location where work is being carried out	Minor Works (extensions & modifications to existing circuits)	New Circuits
Bathrooms	✓	✓
Bedrooms	✗	✓
Bedrooms containing a shower or basin	✓	✓
Ceiling (over head) heating	✓	✓
Computer cabling	✗	✗
Conservatories	✗	✓
Consumer unit replacement**	see note ** below	✓
Control wiring	✓	✓
Dining rooms	✗	✓
Extra low voltage (ELV) non pre-assembled CE marked lights	✓	✓
Garden lighting	✓	✓
Garden power	✓	✓
Greenhouses	✓	✓
Halls	✗	✓
Integral garages	✗	✓
Kitchen	✓	✓
Kitchen diners**	✓	✓
Landings	✗	✓
Lounge	✗	✓
Remote buildings	✗	✓
Remote garages	✗	✓
Saunas	✓	✓
Sheds	✗	✓
Shower rooms	✓	✓
Small scale generators	✓	✓
Solar power systems	✓	✓
Stairways	✗	✓
Studies	✗	✓
Swimming pools	✓	✓
Telephone cabling	✗	✗
TV rooms	✗	✓
Underfloor heating	✓	✓
Workshops (remote)	✗	✓

\*The list above is not conclusive and the installer should check with the local Building Control Body

\*\* Replacement consumer units should always be certificated on a BS7671 Electrical Installation Certificate and is classed as notifiable work under the Building Regulations and should be notified to Building Control

\*\*\* See Approved Document P 2006 for a definition of 'kitchen'