

Part P – Electrical Safety

The Government have recently amended the Building Regulations to include electrical safety to ensure that electrical installations are put in safely in dwellings.

These changes came into force on the **1 January 2005** and affects any dwelling that is to have electrical work carried out, which is more than a spur. It even includes electrical installations to sheds, garages, greenhouses other detached buildings and even wired up pond pumps!

For the detailed rules either ask your **Electrician**, one of the **Competent Person Bodies** or your local Building Control Department.

The Regulations are complex and it is recommended that advice is sought before the work is due to commence.

In order for a householder to comply with the new Regulations the Government has authorised a **”Competent Persons Scheme”** which allows registered electricians to design, install and certify that their work is in compliance with the new Regulations and issue a Certificate to the Local Authority stating compliance has been met.

The “Competent” electrician will have to belong to a Government approved scheme of which a number have already been given approval. These are **NICEIC, ELECSA Ltd, BRE Certification, British Standards Institution** and **Zurich Certification**. (There may be others who will be approved at a later date.)

Failure to use a competent person may result in the work not being approved under the Building Regulations in which case legal action could be taken and additional expense by the householder in having the work approved afterwards.

What should I do?

Generally if you start the work after 1 January 2005 and/or your Full Plans or a Building Notice for Building Regulations applications are deposited after that date you need to ensure that the electrical work meets the new electrical safety regulation. It is in your best interest to use an electrician registered within the **”Competent Person Scheme”**.

If you are organising the work yourself speak to the electrician, or to the builder or installer who has employed the electrician to satisfy yourself that that the work meets the new law.

Remember failure to comply with the new law could result in additional expense and delay when selling your property or raising finance on it.

Useful Contacts

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ELECTRICAL WORKS
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to the Building Regulations (PART P
– Electrical Safety) This affects YOU!**

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