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## **T463 Updates to SELECTcerts and the Certificate of Construction**

Changes to the format and production of the Certificate of Construction are being implemented in the SELECTcerts electronic certification system from Monday 9 January 2023 onwards.

These are particularly relevant for Approved Bodies (AB) and Approved Certifiers of Construction (ACC) registered in SELECT's Certification of Construction Scheme who use Certification of Construction to verify compliance with Building (Scotland) Regulations for work carried out under a building warrant.

The changes are necessary as BS 7671:2018+A2:2022 includes an amended version of the Electrical Installation Certificate (EIC) which supersedes the one that is currently part of the single Certificate of Construction introduced in July 2020.

The opportunity to make a number of other changes has also been taken and follows up on suggestions for improvements to the certificate from ABs and ACCs using the scheme.

The changes should make the production of the Certificate of Construction simpler with the drop-down option for adding a new certificate containing an updated version that is clearly identifiable as the '2022 Certificate of Construction'.

Other new features include:

- A new table in the body of the Certificate of Construction to enable the AB/ACC to indicate the nature of the work that has been undertaken and how the work has been checked for compliance with the relevant building standards for the electrical installation, emergency lighting systems for premises other than dwellings, fire detection and fire alarm systems in dwellings and fire detection and fire alarm systems for buildings other than dwellings.
- Options to choose the relevant supplementary certificates that relate to how the nature of the work has been checked when creating the Certificate of Construction.
- Options for relevant supplementary certificates, include BS 7671:2018+A2:2022 model certificates such as the Electrical Installation Certificate, single signature version of the EIC and Minor Electrical Installation Works Certificate (MW). Also, where relevant for BS 5266 certification for emergency lighting systems for premises other than dwellings, BS 5839-6 certification for fire detection and fire alarms in dwellings and BS 5839-1 certification for fire detection and fire alarms for buildings other than dwellings.



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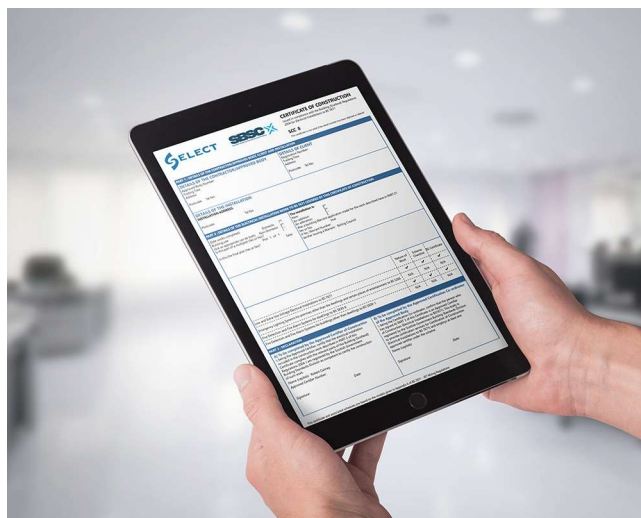
## Note for information

The Certificate of Construction is issued when the completed contract is ready for handover, not specifically when the electrical installation has been completed, and should be given to the relevant person, i.e. building owner or developer, who should then submit it to the Verifier, i.e. relevant Local Authority Building Standards Service.

The supplementary certificates are provided to verify compliance with the appropriate British Standards that relate to the work being verified.

These are normally provided to the relevant person on completion of the contract but it is recommended that where the relevant person is not the end user of the installation, a copy of the certificates should be passed on to the end user by the relevant person.

The Certificate of Construction is specific to verifying electrical installation work to BS 7671. Where emergency lighting systems for premises other than dwellings to BS 5266, fire detection and fire alarms in dwellings to BS 5839-6 and fire detection and fire alarms for buildings other than dwellings to BS 5839-1 is part of the work the verifier may require the relevant person to provide a copy of the relevant certification provided for these systems as part of reasonable enquiry to enable verification.



## Find out more

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