

Improving Building Standards

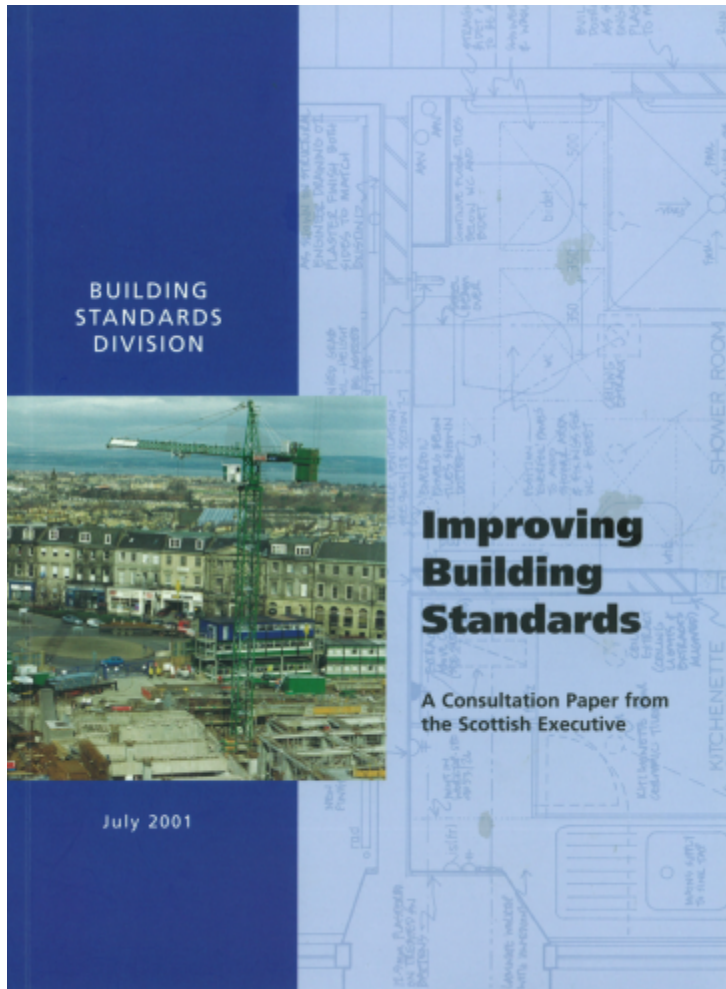
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Improving Building Standards

- Reflection
- Role of Scottish Ministers
- Certification register
- Current developments in certification
- Certification research
- Next steps

Scottish Executive Consultation (July 2001)



- *“certification and verification are complimentary rather than alternatives”*
- Role of Scottish Ministers



The Scottish Government
Riaghaltas na h-Alba



Building Standards Division
Certification Register

Home

Find an Approved Body

Check Firm is an Approved
Body

Check Validity of a Certificate
or Form Q

Check Notice Of Intent

Current Approved Certifiers

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Certification Register

The Certification Register is the only authoritative source of information on all Approved Bodies and Approved Certifiers in Scotland. It is updated weekly from information sent by Scheme providers. The Register enables members of the public to find and contact an Approved Body offering certification services in their local authority area including an optional search facility by postcode. The register is also used by local authority verifiers to check for notice of intent to use certification and to check the validity of certificates issued by Approved Certifiers.

It is based on the principle that suitably qualified and experienced building professionals and tradesmen can accept responsibility for ensuring work complies with the building regulations without the need for detailed scrutiny of designs or inspections by verifiers. [The Building \(Scotland\) Act 2003](#) which introduced the option of certification for works requiring a building warrant.

A [Certification Register User Guide](#) is available.

Search by Work Type

Find an Approved Body

Scheme Type

Construction

Scheme

Certification of Construction (Drainage Heating and Plumbing)

Work Type

(Hold down the Ctrl button
to select multiple options)

Above Ground Drainage

Air Source Heat Pumps

Below Ground Drainage

Biomass Boiler Installation

Project Location

Select project location...

Postcode (Optional)

e.g. EH99 1SP

Search

New Postcode Search (Optional)

Find an Approved Body

Scheme Type

Scheme

Work Type
(Hold down the Ctrl button to select multiple options)

Project Location

Postcode (Optional)
e.g. EH99 1SP

Postcode Search Result

Number of results: 205

- Appearance on this list indicates that a company is registered today as an Approved Body.
- All the Approved Bodies listed below have indicated they will work in your local authority area.
- List of Approved Bodies returned in distance order from post code entered.
- Click on the Approved Body to obtain contact details.

Approved Body	Certification Co-ordinator	Company Address	Distance (miles)
Graham Farr Consulting Limited	Graham Farr	PO Box 2028, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 0BY	0.80
Peter W Fergus Chartered Civil Engineer	Peter William Fergus	6 Tennent Park, Mid Calder, WEST LoTHIAN, EH53 0RF	1.60
Ove Arup & Partners Scotland Ltd	Cliff Kidd	Scotstoun House, South Queensferry, West Lothian, EH30 9SE	8.70
WSP Buildings	Peter Dunbar	7 Lochside View, Edinburgh Park, Edinburgh, EH12 9DH	8.90
Blyth & Blyth Consulting Engineers Ltd	Ronald Robertson	Westpoint, 4 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ	9.20

Current developments

- RIAS Services Ltd - Section 6 Energy
 - extension to non-domestic buildings
- CERTASS, Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF) and Network Veka - certification of window, door and rooflight installations
- Building Engineering Services Competence Assessment (BESCA) - HVAC
- Association of specialist fire protection (ASFP)

Research

- Improve and raise awareness of Certification in Scotland
- Investigation of compliance levels with the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (including Schedule 3)
- A study of the level of checking of structural design
- A study of the level of checking of electrical installations to BS 7671

Next Steps

- **Certification workshop (Sept 2014)**
 - 23 members
 - Collaborative strategic document and action plan
 - Guidance for verifiers (non-certified work)
 - Fees consultation
 - Certificates for non-warrantable work (schedule 3)
 - Communications sub-group
 - Monitoring and reporting