

PART P - NOTIFIABLE OR NOT?

With certain exceptions, when it is proposed to carry out electrical installation work in a dwelling or an associated garden, conservatory or detached outbuilding in England or Wales, notification of the proposals must be given to a building control body before work

begins, unless the work is undertaken by a person or firm registered with a Part P self-certification scheme.

Whether or not work is notifiable depends on the nature of the work and its location.

The chart below provides a quick-reference guide to whether or not certain

items of electrical installation work commonly carried out in or around dwellings are notifiable.

It is stressed that the requirements of the Building Regulations apply to all the items of work listed in the chart, irrespective of whether or not they are notifiable.

Examples of work	Notifiable?	
	Areas not in a kitchen*, garden or special location†	Within a kitchen*, garden or special location‡
A complete new installation or rewire	✓	✓
Consumer unit change	✓	✓
Installing or upgrading main or supplementary equipotential bonding	✗	✓
Installing a new final circuit (e.g. for lighting, socket-outlets, a shower or a cooker)	✓	✓
Fitting and connecting an electric shower to an existing wiring point	N/A	✓
Adding a socket-outlet to an existing final circuit	✗	✓
Adding a lighting point to an existing final circuit	✗	✓
Adding a fused connection unit to an existing final circuit	✗	✓
Connecting a cooker to an existing connection unit	✗	✗
Replacing a damaged cable for a single circuit, on a like-for-like basis	✗	✗
Replacing a damaged accessory, such as a socket-outlet	✗	✗
Replacing a lighting fitting	✗	✗
Providing mechanical protection to an existing fixed installation‡	✗	✗
Installing and fitting a storage heater, including final circuit	✓	✓
Fitting and final connection of storage heater to an existing adjacent wiring point	✗	✗
Installing extra-low voltage¶ lighting (other than pre-assembled CE marked sets)	✓	✓
Installing a new supply to a garden shed or other outbuilding	N/A	✓
Installing a socket-outlet or lighting point in a garden shed or other detached outbuilding	N/A	✓
Installing a garden pond pump, including supply	N/A	✓
Installing an electric hot air sauna	N/A	✓
Installing a solar photovoltaic power supply	✓	✓
Installing electric ceiling or floor heating	✓	✓
Installing an electricity generator	✓	✓
Installing an additional socket-outlet in a motor caravan	N/A	N/A
Installing telephone or extra-low voltage¶ wiring and equipment for communications, information technology, signalling, control or similar purposes	✗	✓
Connecting an item of equipment to an existing adjacent connection point	✗	✗
Replacing an immersion heater	✗	✗
Installing a socket-outlet or lighting point outdoors	✓	✓

Note: For situations not covered in the chart, reference should be made to Approved Document P to find out whether or not the work concerned is notifiable. In cases of doubt, the building control body should be consulted.

* A kitchen is defined in The Building (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2004 as 'a room or part of a room which contains a sink and food preparation facilities'. (A utility room, though it may contain a sink, does not fall within the definition of a kitchen if it does not contain food preparation facilities.)

† 'Special locations' include locations containing a bath or shower, swimming or paddling pools and hot air saunas.

‡ If the circuit protective measures and current-carrying capacity of conductors are unaffected by increased thermal insulation.

¶ Extra-low voltage is defined in BS 7671 as 'normally not exceeding 50 V ac or 120 V ripple-free d.c., whether between conductors or to earth.'