

Building regulations

Oil-fired heating, solid fuel, renewable and electrical installations must comply with regional building regulations. In England and Wales, OFTEC registered technicians can self-certify their own work without involving local authority building control. If you choose to use someone who isn't registered with a 'competent person' scheme, you will have to obtain a building control notice and arrange for an inspection, which can be costly and time consuming. You are also unlikely to receive a warranty on the work carried out.

Why use an OFTEC registered technician?

OFTEC registered technicians are trained and assessed to ensure they work competently and safely to recognised industry standards for oil, solid fuel and/or renewable heating systems. OFTEC provides an official photo ID card for each technician and checks that registered businesses hold appropriate public liability insurance for working in customer premises. In England and Wales they can self-certify new installations without the need for local building control inspections and a similar optional scheme is available in Scotland and the Republic of Ireland.

About OFTEC

OFTEC plays a leading role in raising standards within the heating industries of the UK and Republic of Ireland. Our trade association represents the interests of liquid fuel heating equipment manufacturers and we develop course and assessment material for training providers. We have over 9,000 technicians registered on our UKAS accredited competent person scheme. We also operate an online shop selling equipment for heating engineers.

For further information please see www.oftec.org.



Home guide to workmanship warranty



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Workmanship warranty is a scheme designed to give you peace of mind when you have new heating or cooking equipment installed. Members of a competent persons scheme like OFTEC's will provide the warranty and it is one of several important benefits that employing an OFTEC registered technician brings to householders.

The warranty covers any domestic work that is self-certified in participating regions through the OFTEC notification system, which includes:

- Oil boiler, cooker, storage and supply installations
- Solid fuel stove installations
- Renewable heating technology installations
- Heating and plumbing installations
- Ventilation installations (not including air conditioning)
- Electrical work covered by building regulations Part P.



Real peace of mind

The workmanship warranty scheme was introduced by Government and is mandatory in England and Wales and voluntary in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, Scotland and Northern Ireland. All installation work self-certified by OFTEC registered installers includes a workmanship warranty, giving you real peace of mind. In the unlikely event that work does not meet building regulations and the installer is no longer trading, the work will still be covered.

Warranty period

The warranty lasts for six years from the date of installation, providing OFTEC receives the job notification on time, and covers the cost of rectifying any contravention of building regulations directly attributable to the installation. The warranty terms and conditions are available on the OFTEC website: www.oftec.org.

Adding value to your home

A workmanship warranty is fully transferable between owners of a property. Householders can claim up to £10,000 for rectification work if the original OFTEC installer is no longer trading or is no longer available. If you decide to sell your home, the warranty automatically passes to the new owner for the duration of the warranty period. For further information about workmanship warranty, please contact the registration team on 01473 626 298. To view the OFTEC workmanship warranty terms and conditions go to www.oftec.org/consumers.

