

The scope of the scheme

The scope of the heating scheme is wide ranging covering heating and hot water services. It is detailed in the statutory instrument 2006 No 652 as follows:

1. Installation of an oil fired combustion appliance which has a rated output of 100kW or less and which is installed in a building with no more than 3 storeys (excluding any basement) or in a dwelling
2. Installation of oil storage tanks and pipes connecting them to combustion appliances
3. Installation of a solid fuel burning combustion appliance which has a rated heat output 50kW or less in a building with no more than 3 storeys (excluding any basement)
4. Installation of a heating or hot water service system, or associated controls, in a dwelling (regardless of heat source)

Notes:

Unvented hot water storage systems with over 15 litres capacity are covered in item 4

Notifiable works

The installation of appliances, fuel storage, pipework, hot water storage, distribution systems and associated controls as described above will need to be notified on installation or, in the case of replacement, where re-commissioning is required.

Scheme entry requirements

Oil heating

For oil burning appliances, oil tanks and feed pipes acceptable qualifications include NVQ 0786 (level 3), NVQ 0785 (level 2) or an OFTEC certificate or equivalent (accredited under ISO17024) relevant to the scope of registration, from:

- OFT105E – appliance installation & energy efficiency)
- OFT101 – pressure jet appliances
- OFT102 – vaporising appliances
- OFT600a – oil storage

Applicants must have 12 months experience.

Note: The scope of the scheme will be changed in April 2010 to remove the limits on combustion appliances and to cover all forms of hot water storage. This will extend the situations where work needs to be notified. Membership achieved prior to April 2010 will cover the new requirements and will be assessed during future inspections.

Qualification criteria, experience requirements and notifiable works are correct at the time of going to press but are subject to change due to government legislation. Check www.napit.org.uk for up to date information.

Solid fuel heating

For solid fuel fired combustion appliances and systems an appropriate solid fuel specific course must have been completed, or equivalent training recognised by the industry. Applicants must have 2 years experience.

Unvented hot water systems

Installers must hold a recognised certificate or identity card.

Wet heating system

The fuel specific qualifications above entitle a registrant to work on the heating and hot water system associated with them. If work covers the hot water system but not the fuel burning appliance, an applicant may register when holding plumbing qualifications (see the plumbing page info sheet) provided they also hold a recognised certificate in Energy Efficiency and complete the Domestic Heating Course (IDHEE or equivalent).

Other requirements:

Applicants will be required to satisfy the following requirements:

Insurance – £2m Public Liability Insurance.

Instruments – there must be access to sufficient instruments to carry out tests relevant to the scope of work carried out by the applicant.

Technical Reference Documents – individuals should hold or have access to the technical documents relevant to the type of work carried out.

Inspection Requirements:

All applicants will be assessed by NAPIT Inspectors to ensure the work activity is being carried out competently before being allowed into the scheme. The assessment will confirm operative competence by assessing work carried out on-site and checking individual knowledge. The systems in place for administering and controlling the activity will also be assessed.

Note: Heating using renewable energy including solar thermal, heat pumps and biomass are also covered by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (see separate sheet)