

Table 1 Work that need not be notified to building control bodies

Work consisting of:

Replacing any fixed electrical equipment (for example, socket-outlets, control switches and ceiling roses) which does not include the provision of any new fixed cabling

Replacing the cable for a single circuit only, where damaged, for example, by fire, rodent or impact ^(a)

Re-fixing or replacing the enclosures of existing installation components ^(b)

Providing mechanical protection to existing fixed installations ^(c)

Installing or upgrading main or supplementary equipotential bonding ^(d)

Work that is not in a kitchen or special location and does not involve a special installation ^(e) and consists of:

Adding lighting points (light fittings and switches) to an existing circuit ^(f)

Adding socket-outlets and fused spurs to an existing ring or radial circuit ^(f)

Work not in a special location, on:

Telephone or extra-low voltage wiring and equipment for the purposes of communications, information technology, signalling, control and similar purposes

Prefabricated equipment sets and associated flexible leads with integral plug and socket connections

Notes:

- (a) On condition that the replacement cable has the same current-carrying capacity and follows the same route.
- (b) If the circuit's protective measures are unaffected.
- (c) If the circuit's protective measures and current-carrying capacity of conductors are unaffected by increased thermal insulation.
- (d) Such work will need to comply with other applicable legislation, such as the Gas Safety (Installation and Use) Regulations.
- (e) Special locations and installations are listed in Table 2.
- (f) Only if the existing circuit protective device is suitable and provides protection for the modified circuit, and other relevant safety provisions are satisfactory.

Table 2 Special locations and installations^(a)

Special locations

Locations containing a bath tub or shower basin
Swimming pools or paddling pools
Hot air saunas

Special installations

Electric floor or ceiling heating systems
Garden lighting or power installations
Solar photovoltaic (PV) power supply systems
Small scale generators such as microCHP units
Extra-low voltage lighting installations, other than pre-assembled, CE-marked lighting sets

Note:

- (a) See IEE Guidance Note 7 which gives more guidance on achieving safe installations where risks to people are greater.

Additional notes

Tables 1 and 2 above give the general rules for determining whether or not electrical installation work is notifiable. The rules are based on the risk of fire and injury and what is practicable. The following notes provide additional guidance and specific examples:

- a. Notifiable jobs include new circuits back to the consumer unit, and extensions to circuits in kitchens and special locations (bathrooms, etc) and associated with special installations (garden lighting and power installations, etc).
- b. Replacement, repair and maintenance jobs are generally not notifiable, even if carried out in a kitchen or special location or associated with a special installation.
- c. Consumer unit replacements are, however, notifiable.
- d. In large bathrooms, the location containing a bath or shower is defined by the walls of the bathroom.
- e. Conservatories and attached garages are not special locations. Work in them is therefore not notifiable unless it involves the installation of a new circuit or the extension of a circuit in a kitchen or special location or associated with a special installation.
- f. Detached garages and sheds are not special locations. Work within them is notifiable only if it involves new outdoor wiring.

- g. Outdoor lighting and power installations are special installations. Any new work in, for example, the garden or that involves crossing the garden is notifiable.
- h. The installation of fixed equipment is within the scope of Part P, even where the final connection is by a 13A plug and socket. However, work is notifiable only if it involves fixed wiring and the installation of a new circuit or the extension of a circuit in a kitchen or special location or associated with a special installation.
- i. The installation of equipment attached to the outside wall of a house (for example security lighting, air conditioning equipment and radon fans) is not notifiable provided that there are no exposed outdoor connections and the work does not involve the installation of a new circuit or the extension of a circuit in a kitchen or special location or associated with a special installation.
- j. The installation of a socket outlet on an external wall is notifiable, since the socket-outlet is an outdoor connector that could be connected to cables that cross the garden and requires RCD protection.
- k. The installation of prefabricated, "modular" systems (for example kitchen lighting systems and armoured garden cabling) linked by plug and socket connectors is not notifiable, provided that products are CE-marked and that any final connections in kitchens and special locations are made to existing connection units or points (possibly a 13A socket outlet).
- l. Work to connect an electric gate or garage door to an existing isolator is not notifiable, but installation of the circuit up to the isolator is notifiable.
- m. The fitting and replacement of cookers and electric showers is not notifiable unless a new circuit is needed.
- n. New central heating control wiring installations are notifiable even where work in kitchens and bathrooms is avoided.