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Fire Door Certification

Licensed Converter

What is Certification?

Certification is the process of confirming that a product, in this case a fire door, complies with its specified requirements and is fit for the operational purpose. Certification tests and verifies a fire door's design, performance, manufacturing process and associated procedures from manufacture to installation.

Who certifies the product?

CERTIFIRE, the fire certification arm of Bodycote Warrington Fire will undertake the certification on behalf of the BWF. CERTIFIRE has become the leading fire certification body in the UK through testing and certifying the majority of fire doors sold in this country. After completing the certification process, your certificate will be added to CERTIFIRE's website and you will be permitted to use their logo in relation to the certificated products. Any audits required to maintain the certification and ISO9001:2000 will be handled directly by CERTIFIRE following initial completion of the certification.

Why become certificated?

Achieving certification is the minimum requirement for membership of the BWF-CERTIFIRE Fire Door & Doorset Scheme and should be the minimum requirement for a company manufacturing or converting fire doors. Certification gives your customers and end users confidence in the potentially lifesaving products that you have supplied through a regular auditing process undertaken by a UKAS accredited body. Certification will add credibility to your company and give you an advantage over a non-certificated competitor during the tendering process.

What are the requirements?

ISO9000

Before you can start the certification process, you must have at least started implementing ISO9001. Your ISO9001:2000 accreditation must be certificated by a UKAS accredited certification body. The certification and ISO9001:2000 audit can be done at the same time, saving you the cost of the second audit.

What is involved?

1. Licensing Procedures

Once you have nominated one or more certificated fire door manufacturers, we will write to them requesting approval for your company to become licensed to them. The manufacturer will then contact you to arrange for the details of their test evidence to be passed to you, and to organise any training or site visits they may require. Once they are confident that your company is set up to work with their doors within the scope of their test evidence, they will advise us of their acceptance of you as a Licensed Converter of their products.

2. Audit

An audit of your factory will be undertaken by CERTIFIRE, the Scheme's certification partner. This can be done in conjunction with the ISO9001 audit. The audit is a detailed assessment of your processes, checking that you have implemented all of the requirements to work on the specified manufacturers' certificated fire doors within the scope of adjustment allowed while following all Scheme rules. The audit will particularly focus on checking the procedures you have put in place, the materials you are using and the records you are keeping. A yearly audit is required to maintain certification.

Costs

Application Fee	£472
License Fee* (per manufacturer)	£266
Audit Fee* (not applicable if done in conjunction with ISO9000 audit)	£310

* yearly fee

Mileage will be charged additionally for the audit

Please note: CERTIFIRE will handle the maintenance of certification directly with you following the initial achievement of certification.
