

Developing Schemes To Support Quality Standards For Building Safety And Fire Protection Companies

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BAFE Fire Safety Register

- Independent, not for profit registration body in fire sector.
- A leading professional body that exists to raise the bar of evidential competency for specific fire safety services.
- BAFE establish, develop and review *Schemes* (competency criteria) in collaboration with...
- *Schemes* are delivered by UKAS Accredited Third Party Certification Bodies to ensure a thorough and quality independent review of a provider's ability to perform a specific fire safety service.



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Would you allow a dentist to perform required heart surgery?

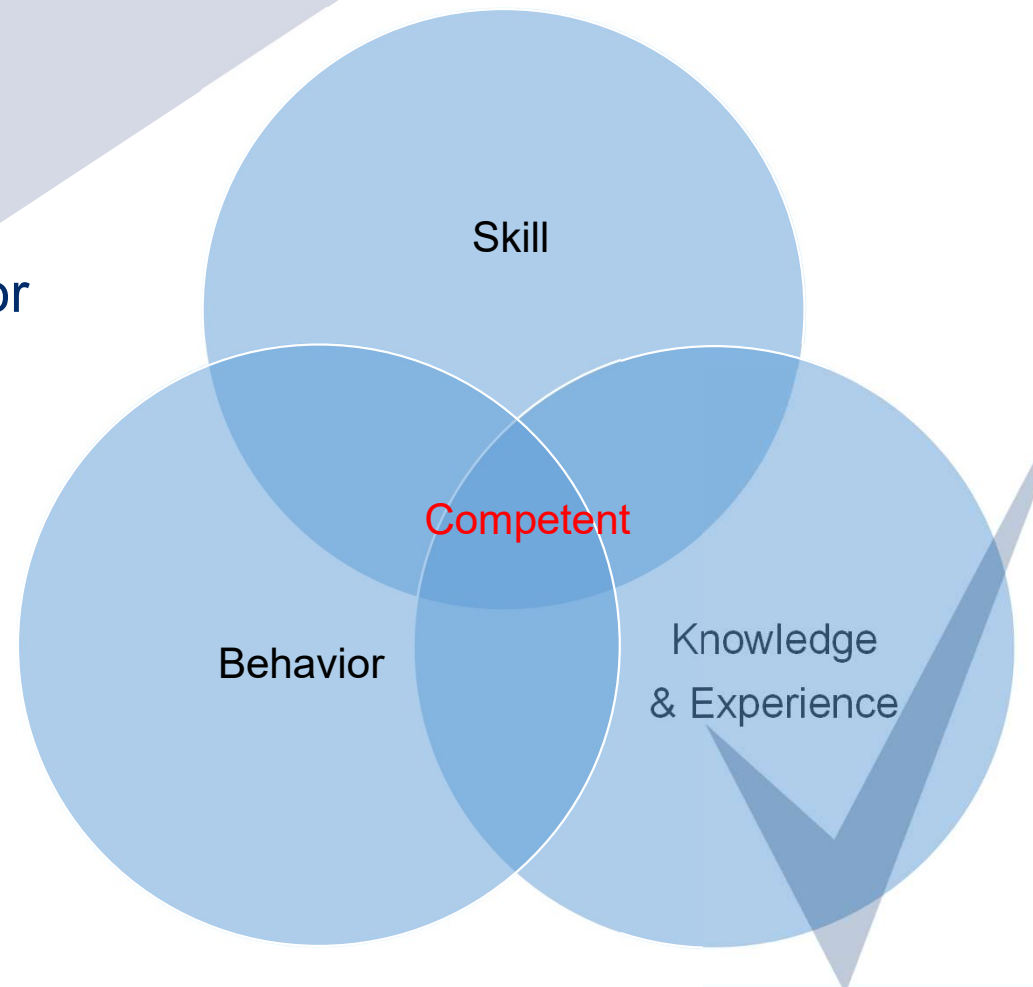


- Medical professional, multiple years of experience, training and certification
- Trained and certificated in the wrong area of medical expertise for your requirement.



COMPETENCE

- There is an increased requirement for recognisable competence in the ongoing absence of any *(current)* mandatory enforcement.
- TPC demonstrates commitment to quality and competence.



Why Third Party Certification?

- It is an ongoing response to **develop quality levels** from the initial guidelines set out by Legislation and Standards.
- Regular review.
- Updates for standards and product changes.
- Channel for improvements.
- Who checks the checker?



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Why Third Party Certification of Contractors?

- Responsibility for Management Systems and employee competence.
- Staff/Technicians change, companies don't (generally!)
- Tender contracts for fire protection services, **MUST** demand that **contractors provide evidence** of their competency with UKAS Accredited Third Party Certification.



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Why bother?

- Competence issues – depressed market?
- Fire protection is still the poor relation in the construction industry
- Hackitt recommendation
 - Competence needs to improve!
 - No one should mark their own homework



TPC is here to help.....

- Regulator
- BSM; PD; PC
- Contractor
- End user/customer
 - Evidence of initiative taken to ensure that, as the appointed person responsible for fire safety, your building, staff and visitors are safe.
- Compliance and complaints management.



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Setting the Bar

- Report published imminently
- 60 recommendations
- Overarching competence framework
- Culture change required



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Schemes to help the Responsible Person

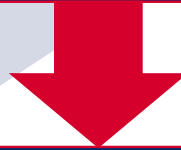
- Life Safety Fire Risk Assessments
- Fire Detection and Alarms
- Emergency Lighting
- Gaseous Suppression
- Kitchen Fire Protection
- Evacuation Alert Systems
- Portable Fire Extinguishers
- Dry/wet Risers

- Fire Dampers
- Domestic Sprinklers
- Passive sector



Registration through Third Party Certification Process

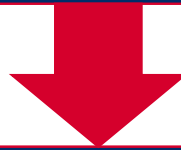
establish and develop schemes



UKAS Accredited Certification Bodies deliver these schemes



Fire protection companies are assessed



Companies with Third Party Certification achieved - gain BAFE approval



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Back to the dentist for your heart surgery...



Surgery and Fire

- Both life threatening so why value one higher than the other when sourcing your provider?



Why Third Party Certification?



What reasons do you have for not using Third Party Certificated companies?





More information can be found on the BAFe website

www.bafe.org.uk



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