

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a BS7671 Test Certificate?

- A BS7671 (British Standard) test certificate is a document issued by an approved electrician to confirm that a wiring installation is safe and complies with current national standards.

Why does a customer need to provide EDF Energy Networks with a BS7671 Test Certificate?

- The customer has to prove to EDF Energy Networks that the wiring installation is safe to connect to the electricity distribution network.
- EDF Energy Networks has to comply with Reg 25 of the ESQC regulations (Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002) as amended.

When do we require the customer to provide a BS7671 Test Certificate?

- When you require a new electricity connection
- When altering a wiring installation
- Service alteration – moving a cut out or a service cable.
- Upgrade of service from single to three phase, when the original meter is being temporarily reconnected to the new three phase service.
- Converting a temporary builder's supply (TBS) to a permanent supply.

Where can a customer get a BS7671 Test Certificate?

- An approved electrician will test the customer's installation and issue the customer with a BS7671 test certificate. This confirms that the customer's installation meets with the requirements of BS7671 and is therefore safe to connect.
- An approved electrician is one who has been accredited by one of the accreditation organisations which assess electricians to BS7671 standards.

What are the recognised accreditation organisations? (List correct as of March 2008).

- NICEIC (National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting) www.niceic.org.uk
- BSI (British Standards Institute) www.bsi-global.com
- ELECSA (Electrical Self Assessment) www.elecsa.org.uk
- N.A.P.I.T (National Association for Professional Inspectors and Testers) www.napit.org.uk
- BRE Certification Ltd (these use ECA logo'd certificates) www.brecertification.co.uk

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Where can a customer find an approved electrician?

- On any of the accreditation organisations' websites.

What are the customer's responsibilities?

- During the initial site visit, the site technician will ask the customer for a copy of a BS7671 test certificate from an approved electrician.
- This copy must be provided on the day we attend site to carry out the work. EDF Energy Networks staff will take this away for recording purposes.
- If the customer cannot provide a copy of the BS7671 test certificate but has the original, EDF Energy Networks staff will copy down the electrician's name, company name, address and registration number in the comments box of the quotation.

What should customers look for on the BS7671 test certificate?

- The customer must ensure that the BS7671 test certificate contains the electrician's name, company name, address and his registration number from the accreditation organisation that has accredited him.

What happens if the customer fails to produce a BS7671 Test Certificate?

- It is against the law for anyone to carry out these works without the BS7671 test certificate.
- If a customer cannot produce a valid BS7671 test certificate or copy on the day of the alteration, an abortive charge will be levied. Work will not take place on that day and will not be re-programmed until the abortive charge is paid.