

BAFE registers companies to a range of approved schemes, delivered in partnership with a number of UKAS accredited Third Party Certification Bodies.

Using BAFE registered companies will assist end users to meet their obligations under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order and can be used as a clear statement of requirements in tenders and specifications



SP205 - LIFE SAFETY FIRE RISK ASSESSMENT

- ✓ This scheme has been developed by a group of industry experts to help the building 'responsible person' meet the requirements for Fire Risk assessments under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.
- ✓ Launched in May 2012 for Companies who provide Fire Risk Assessment services.
- ✓ SP205 specifies that Companies have the required technical and quality management capabilities.
- ✓ Risk assessment staff need to meet appropriate standards
- ✓ The scheme has been designed to meet the requirements of companies large and small, recognising that there are many individuals working as assessors.
- ✓ BAFE has been working closely with the Competency Council to monitor and develop Risk Assessor competence criteria.
- ✓ SP205 is delivered by UKAS accredited Certification Bodies that assess and routinely monitor Companies against the scheme criteria.

BAFE scheme SP205 has been developed for Companies who provide Fire Risk Assessment services for others. This scheme is designed to give assurance to those commissioning fire risk assessments and give confidence in the quality and relevance of the services being provided. It is essential that the fire risk assessor is a competent person, and the fire risk assessor has a duty of care to the organization on which legislation imposes a requirement for the fire risk assessment.

However, the ultimate responsibility for the adequacy of the fire risk assessment rests with the duty holder (which is normally a company) or responsible person rather than with the fire risk assessor. This Scheme recognises the importance of providing fire risk assessments that comply with an acceptable set of criteria.

BAFE Registered companies will have an annual surveillance audit by their certification body to ensure that they continue to comply with the scheme requirements. Once certificated, they will be able to use the BAFE logo applicable to the scheme on promotional material, letterheads, websites etc. Their details will be shown on the BAFE website: www.bafe.org.uk

What does this scheme offer to specifiers and building owners/managers?

Under the provisions of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005, the Duty Holder or Responsible Person for a building is required to make a Fire Risk assessment to clarify the fire precautions necessary to ensure the safety of staff, customers and property. At present there is no independently audited means to ensure the competence and reliability of a company commissioned to carry this out. BAFE scheme SP205 will provide reassurance to the responsible person that they are doing everything possible to meet their obligations.

What does this mean for Fire Risk Assessment companies?

If you carry out Fire Risk Assessments then you should be considering BAFE registration to demonstrate to customers that your company has been third party certificated to meet the required standards. There are a number of registration bodies that assess the competence of individuals, but it is important that customers know that their work is being done in the framework of a company, large or small, that provides the reassurance that they are being dealt with professionally. To gain certification, contact one of the Certification Bodies listed on the BAFE website as licensed for this scheme. They will provide you with the information you require to achieve BAFE registration.

Details of these and other BAFE schemes, together with all registered companies, can be found on our website at:

www.bafe.org.uk or by
email to: info@bafe.org.uk

