

## Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme: (Drainage, Plumbing & Heating)

The Scheme, which was approved by the Scottish Government, allows ACCS businesses to self-certify work carried out under a Building Warrant. This "self-certification" is an alternate to using local authority building standards inspectors.

The Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme covers drainage, heating and plumbing work (including all micro-renewables). Members of the Scheme are able to issue certificates on completion of work which **MUST be accepted** by local authorities.

### The work covered by the scheme includes:

- Above & below ground drainage
- Unvented systems
- Gas appliances (above and below 70kw)
- Solid fuel appliances
- Oil appliances
- Solar thermal panels and heat pumps
- Oil tanks

### Joining the Scheme:

To become a Certifier of the Scheme the operative must attend and successfully pass a one day Building Standards Training Course. The Approved Certifier must also be qualified to at least **Advanced** or **Technical** craftsman level and hold appropriate qualifications for the scope of work which they wish to self-certify. They must also hold a **Water Byelaws/Regulations** qualification.

To join the Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme, individuals (Approved Certifiers) must be employed by a business (Approved Body) who is a member of the Plumbing Industry Licensing Scheme (which is operated by SNIPEF) or who meets the Licensing Scheme criteria.

### There are many benefits in operating the scheme:

- Your client will pay a reduced building warrant fee if they advise the Local Authority that they are using an Approved Certifier of Construction.
- You will be able to "Self-Certify" (as long as you have demonstrated your technical competency) above or below ground drainage, heating installations (gas, oil, solid fuel boilers), unvented systems, micro-renewables (Biomass, solar and heat pumps) and electrical work associated with any of these installations, which is subject to a building warrant.
- Local Authority Building Control Departments (now known as Verifiers) **cannot refuse to accept** an Approved Certifier certificate nor can they ask to inspect work which has been certified by an Approved Certifier. You will be able to use a logo which will contain the Scottish Government logo and which will indicate that you are a Scottish Government "Approved" contractor.
- Your firm and certifier will appear on the "Scottish Government Certification Register" [click here](#) to visit this site.

### Fees:

	SNIPEF Member	Non SNIPEF
ACCS Body - Annually	Free	£500 + VAT
ACCS Certifier - Annually	£110 + VAT	£165 + VAT
ACCS Course	£175 + VAT	£262.50 + VAT

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