

The benefits of FIRAS certification

FIRAS certification provides assurance to construction industry end users / regulators that if a FIRAS certified contractor is appointed, the work will be carried out correctly, in accordance with industry standards and material / product manufacturer requirements to provide the required fire protection rating for the building as intended by the specifiers.



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about FIRAS certification

why choose a FIRAS certified installation contractor?



FIRAS is voluntary, third party certification for installation contractors of both passive and active (sprinkler) fire protection systems, operated by Warrington Certification Limited, and accredited by UKAS to EN45011.

FIRAS certification has been in operation in the UK since 1994 and has been at the forefront of improving standards in the installation of fire protection products and systems to the benefit of the construction industry and the clients whose buildings have been protected by FIRAS certified contractors.

FIRAS certified contractors are required to undergo a 3 stage assessment process. And, only when the applicant contractor has satisfied all of these criteria is certification granted:

- **Assessment of office management systems**
- **Assessment of workmanship on site for all trade disciplines for which certification is sought**
- **Competence assessment of supervisory and installation employees.**

FIRAS certification is awarded to the contracting company not individual supervisors or operatives. FIRAS certification is strictly controlled to cover only the trade disciplines assessed. Should a contractor wish to increase their scope of certification, a separate application must be made and the contractor must undergo the same 3 stage assessment process to attain the additional certification as that originally undertaken.

All FIRAS site inspectors and sprinkler engineers have technical and practical knowledge and experience as practitioners in fire protection. FIRAS certification requirements have been developed in partnership with the applicable UK trade association including:

- ASFP Association of Specialist Fire Protection** - passive fire protection of building structural steel frame, compartmentation through penetration sealing (fire stopping) and cavity barriers
- BWF British Woodworking Federation** - timber fire doors
- GGF Glass & Glazing Federation** - fire rated glazed screens
- DHF Door & Hardware Federation** - steel fire doors & hardware
- BAFSA British Automatic Fire Sprinkler Association** - Residential and Domestic Sprinkler Systems and Commercial and Industrial Sprinkler Systems

FIRAS certified contractors are subject to an annual audit of their office facilities. They are also subject to ongoing, random surveillance site inspections during which the company's ongoing competence and workmanship standards are subject to continued assessment.

Contractors certificated under the requirements of the FIRAS Scheme for Installers of Residential and Domestic Sprinkler Systems, have system designs randomly checked to appropriate standards in addition site inspections.

FIRAS inspectors will conduct additional requested inspections of the work carried out by the FIRAS certified contractor at the contractor's request to satisfy clients needs. Costs related to these inspections will be borne by the FIRAS contractor they employ.

FIRAS certified contractors are required to log all 'contracts in hand' on the FIRAS on line database. A 'Certificate of Conformity (Compliance)' for the completed works is issued from the FIRAS online database.

A listing of FIRAS certified contractors is available at www.warringtonfire.net identifying for each company, their company details, contact names and numbers and the trade discipline scopes for which they hold certification.

