

## Final Scope of Scheme 0410 SNIPEF Approved Certifier of Construction Scheme

SNIPEF has been approved by the Scottish Ministers to run the above scheme which will allow individuals (Approved Certifiers of Construction) to "certify" drainage, heating and plumbing work which is subject to a Building Warrant. The Approved Certifier must be employed by an Approved Body which is either a member of the Plumbing Industry Licensing scheme which is operated by SNIPEF or they must meet the Licensing scheme criteria.

See <http://www.snipef.org/approved-certifiers.htm> and the attached document for more information about the scheme.

The scheme will be formally launched by Stewart Stevenson MSP - Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change - at the SNIPEF Conference which will take place on **Friday 21 May** 2010 in the Crutherland Hotel, East Kilbride.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding any of the above please do not hesitate in contacting me at the Building Standards office.

Kind regards

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<p><b>1. The installation and commissioning of Above Ground Drainage:</b>  Includes all pipe-work, pipe protection, appliances, traps and fittings for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• waste water (including grey water) installations;</li> <li>• surface water (including rainwater harvesting) installations;</li> </ul> <p>up to connection with below ground drainage.</p>	<p><b>To certify Above Ground Drainage:</b></p> <p>Approved Certifiers must hold a current SNIJIB Registration card at Advanced or Technician Plumber level or be eligible to hold such a card and hold a current Water Byelaws/Regulations qualification</p>
<p><b>2. The installation and commissioning of Below Ground Drainage:</b></p> <p><b>a) Gravity Systems:</b> Includes all pipe-work, pipe protection, connections, access and inspection units and traps, from connection to the above ground drainage to the point of connection to any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ disconnecting manhole within the property curtilage;</li> <li>➤ vested public drain or sewer;</li> <li>➤ private waste-water treatment plant (including septic tanks);</li> <li>➤ Soakaway; or</li> <li>➤ sustainable urban drainage system (SUDS).</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Pump Systems:</b> Includes all connection, pipe protection and discharge of waste-water to point of connection to underground gravity system.</p> <p><b>c) Soakaway</b>  Limited to a soakaway installation serving a single dwelling.</p>	<p><b>To certify Below Ground Drainage:</b></p> <p>Approved Certifiers must hold a current SNIJIB Registration card at Advanced or Technician Plumber level or be eligible to hold such a card and hold a current Water Byelaws/Regulations qualification</p>

**3. The installation and commissioning of:**

- **Fixed Combustion Appliances;**
- **Solar Thermal and Heat Pumps; and**
- **Heating and Hot Water Systems.**

Includes all associated pipework, controls, hearths, flues, ventilation, hot and cold water storage vessels and unvented storage systems. Includes fuel storage with associated pipe-work connections and safety controls.

**Except:**

- a) constructed masonry chimneys;
- b) an oil firing appliance with an output rating of more than 45kw; or
- c) a solid fuel appliance with an output rating of more than 50kw.

**Electrical work in connection with 1, 2 and 3 above.**

Except:

- a) any new electrical circuit to the building;
- b) any extension or alteration to the

**To certify Gas Installations up to 70kw:** Approved Certifiers must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card **and** must hold the following qualifications: **CCN1 and CEN1 or such other qualifications which may replace these and be registered with the appropriate Gas Safety Registration Scheme.**

**To certify Gas Installations over 70kw:** Approved Certifiers must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card **and** must hold the following qualifications: **COCN1, ICPN1, CIGA1, CORT1, and TPCP1 or such other qualifications which may replace these and be registered with the appropriate Gas Safety Registration Scheme**

**To certify Oil installations up to 45kw:** Approved Certifiers must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card **and** must hold the following qualifications: **OFTEC105E, OFTEC600A and either: OFTEC101and/or OFTEC102.**

**To certify Solid Fuel installations up to 50kw:** Approved Certifiers must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card **and** must hold the following qualification: **HETAS Wet system installer course.**

**To certify Unvented Installations:** Approved Certifiers must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card and hold a current Water Byelaws/Regulations qualification, **and** hold an appropriate unvented qualification.

**To certify Solar Thermal, Biomass boilers and/or Heat Pumps:** Approved Certifiers must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card, **and** must either hold an industry approved SVQ Level 3 Certificate in Renewable Technology in the relevant technology or hold a competence based qualification such as a BPEC course or such other qualification(s) which may be approved by the Scheme.

**To certify electrical work.**

Approved Certifiers must be either:

- An Approved Certifier of Construction (Electrical Installations to BS7671); or

building's electrical circuits (other than connection to a switched fused connection unit).

- Must hold a current Advanced or Technician Plumber or Heating Engineer or Heating Technician SNIJIB Registration card or be eligible to qualify for such a card, **and** must hold the following qualification: **SVQ Unit 5 electrical course**.