

The Kitemark Scheme for Fire Alarm Installations

Minimize risk and protect your business



BSI Key Facts and Figures

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80,000
customers worldwide



10,000
industry experts
dedicated to your
success



5,000+
products tested



3,682
Kitemark licences



112,000
people trained last year



2,893
standards published
last year

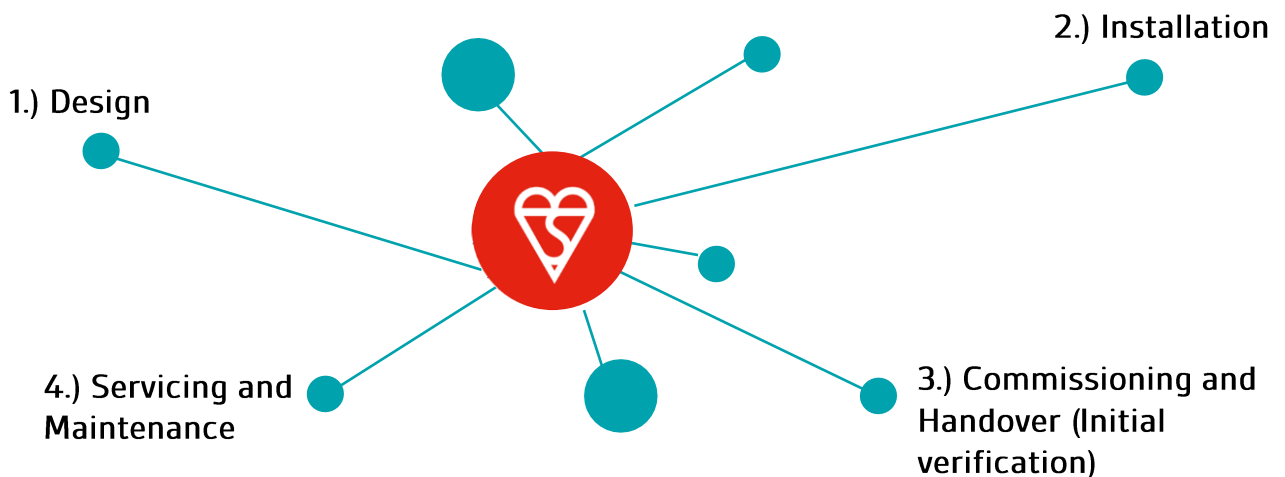




What is the Kitemark™ Scheme for Fire Alarm Installations

Scheme Guidance

This scheme has been operating successfully in the UK for 8 years and has now been adapted for the ME region. It has been based on the applicable product standards and incorporates the UAE life safety code. The scheme is divided into four modules:



Companies can select all modules, or only the modules covered in their scope of work. Additional modules can be applied for at a later date.

Scheme Requirements

It is not a requirement of this Kitemark™ Scheme for the company to be ISO 9001 certified, but it may help. However the company will be required to have the following management processes in place:

- Calibration records for all test equipment used
- Engineer's training/competency records
- Engineer's internal audits
- Use/Approval of sub-contractors
- Customer complaints process/procedure

Standards covered by the scheme

- **NFPA 72** – National Fire Alarm and Signalling Code
- **NFPA 2001** – Standard on Clean Agent Fire Extinguishing Systems
- **NFPA 12** – Standard on Carbon Dioxide Extinguishing Systems
- **BS 5389-1** – Fire detection and Fire Alarm Systems for Buildings (non domestic)
- **BS EN 15004-1** Fixed Fire Fighting Systems – Gas Extinguishing Systems, Design, Installation and Maintenance

4 Modules and their key requirements

1 Design

Key requirements:

Competency of the nominated designer(s):

- Good working knowledge of the relevant code (i.e. NFPA 72)

Review of actual design projects:

- The project has been designed to the requirements of the relevant standard
- The project meets the requirements of any contract specification
- The audit normally is completed by referring to design drawings
- Site inspection is undertaken

Review of actual design projects:

- Correct automatic detection location and spacing
- Sound pressure levels
- False alarms
- Standby batteries calculations
- Interface with other building services (lifts, sprinkler systems)
- The manual fire alarm boxes locations

3 Commissioning and Handover (Initial verification)

Key requirements:

Competency of the commissioning engineers:

- Good working knowledge of the commissioning requirements of relevant code (i.e. NFPA 72)

Review of actual commissioning records:

- The commissioning meets the requirements of the relevant code
- Site inspection undertaken & functional testing

Area reviewed to include:

- Test Plan/Check List
- All devices functionally tested
- Sound levels are checked
- All functions of the control panel checked
- Remote signally checked
- All required documents issued

2 Installation

Key requirements:

Competency of the nominated installers:

- Good working knowledge of the installation requirements of relevant code (i.e. NFPA 72)
- Good knowledge of national wiring regulations

Review of actual installation projects:

- The project meets the requirements of any contract specification
- The installation meets the requirements of the relevant code
- Site inspection undertaken

Area reviewed to include:

- The cabling is correctly installed and segregated from other cables
- Automatic detection/manual fire alarm boxes correctly installed/locations
- Cable testing
- Mains power supply correctly installed

4 Servicing and Maintenance

Key Requirements:

Competency of the maintenance installers:

- Good working knowledge of the installation requirements of relevant code (i.e. NFPA 72)

Review of actual Maintenance records:

- The maintenance meets the requirements of the relevant code
- Site inspection undertaken & witness the servicing of a fire alarm system

Area reviewed to include:

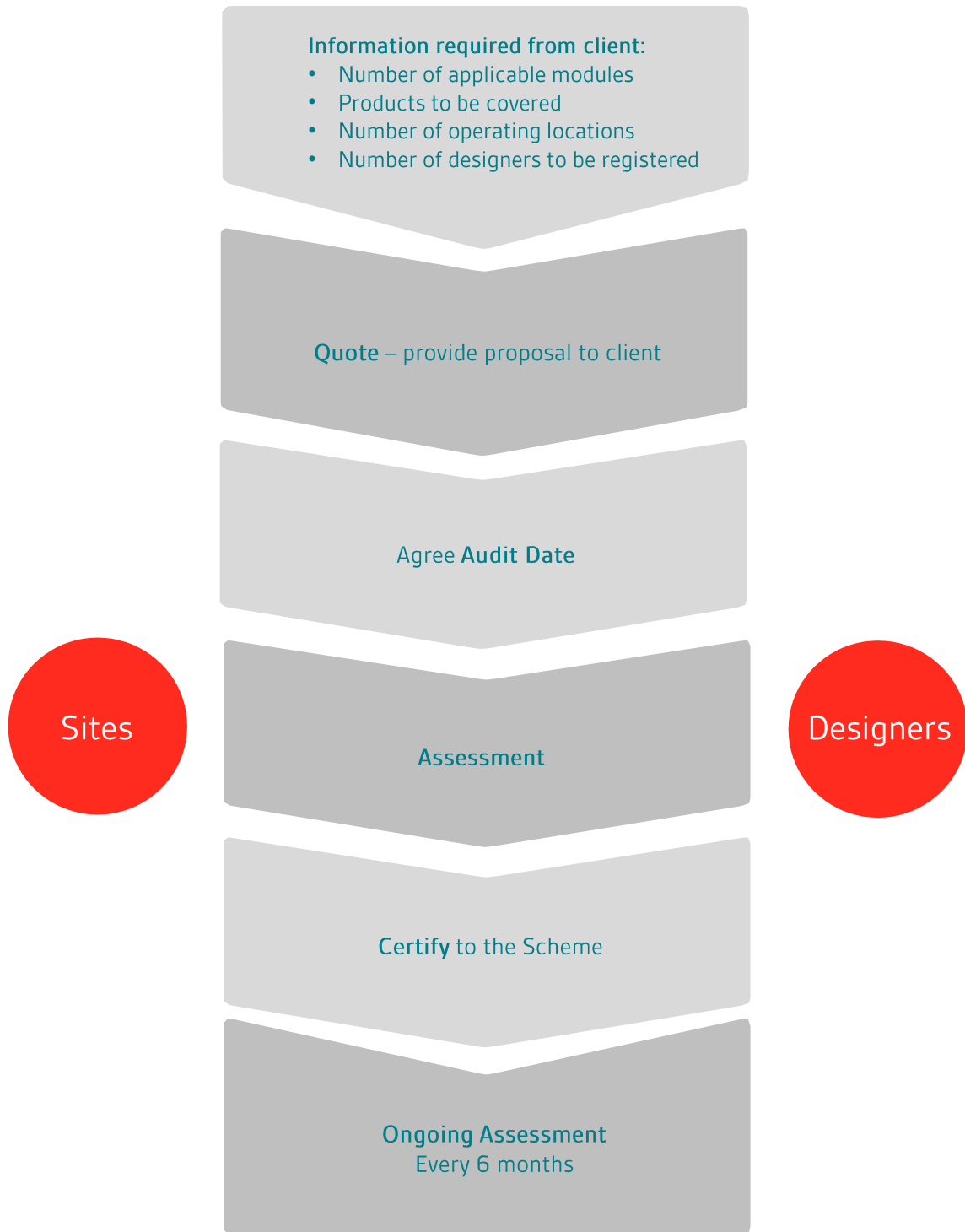
- All devices tested
- Standby batteries checked
- All functions of the control panel checked including for fault indication
- Remote signally checked
- All required documents/certificates issued

Benefits

- Leverage new business
- Differentiate yourselves from your competitors
- New opportunities for business growth regionally & globally
- Improve your quality and deliver efficiencies
- Gain a competitive advantage through BSI Kitemark™ recognition
- Show dedication to continual improvement
- Manage and reduce risks
- Build a trusted reputation
- Demonstrate best practice



Steps to Certification



Continually improve and make excellence a habit

About BSI Kitemark™

In 2015 an independent consumer survey showed that the BSI Kitemark™ is associated with rigour; consumers know products and services displaying the BSI Kitemark are tried and tested and therefore consumers trust products and services displaying the BSI Kitemark™.

What supports this?



‘The BSI Kitemark™ has cemented our reputation for high quality reliable products. It has driven us towards manufacturing better products year on year in order to deliver a great service to our clients’.

Imad Makhzoumi – Executive Vice President Asia
Future Pipe Industries

‘We quickly found out how widely recognized and respected the Kitemark™ is, not just in the UK but also in overseas markets’.

Stuart Norris, Managing Director of FloPlast

Next Steps

With a wealth of experience in the testing and certification field, BSI is ideally equipped to work with you from the design stage through to the testing and compliance process, helping you to get your products to the marketplace. Whatever level of service is required, from certification to custom product testing or project management for specialist out-sourced testing, BSI is here to help every step of the way.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Our team will be happy to talk you through the whole process.

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