

# POCKET GUIDE 3 I

## Part P - Notifiable or not, England

This guide provides a quick reference to whether electrical installation work that began on or after 6 April 2013 in a dwelling or associated buildings or land in **England** needs to be notified to a Building Control Body (BCB) in accordance with the *Building Regulations 2010 for England* (the BR).

For guidance on whether electrical installation work in Wales is notifiable, see Pocket Guide 8 rev 3.

A company registered with a Part P self-certification scheme, such as those operated by ELECSA and NICEIC, is not required to notify a BCB prior to carrying out 'notifiable work'. However, the Part P registered company must notify their relevant registration body following completion of the notifiable work so that a copy of the Building Regulations compliance certificate will be issued to the occupier, and so that the certificate (or a copy of the information on it) will be issued to the BCB.

For items of work not covered here, see *Approved document P 2013 edition – for use in England* to find out if they are notifiable.

The requirements of the BR and the issuing of electrical installation certification apply irrespective of whether an item of electrical installation work is notifiable or not.

### Application of Part P

In England, Part P of the BR applies to electrical installations intended to operate at low voltage (typically 230 V) or extra-low voltage:

- in or attached to a dwelling (house or flat), and associated land (garden) and buildings, such as a garage, shed, conservatory or greenhouse,
- in the common access areas (staircases and corridors excluding the power supply to a lift) of buildings containing flats,
- in shared amenities, such as a room used as a laundry or kitchen within a building containing flats, and
- where business premises (excluding agricultural buildings) and a dwelling share the same land and meter, such as a shop and a dwelling.

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### NOTIFIABLE WORK

Anywhere in a dwelling or its surroundings:

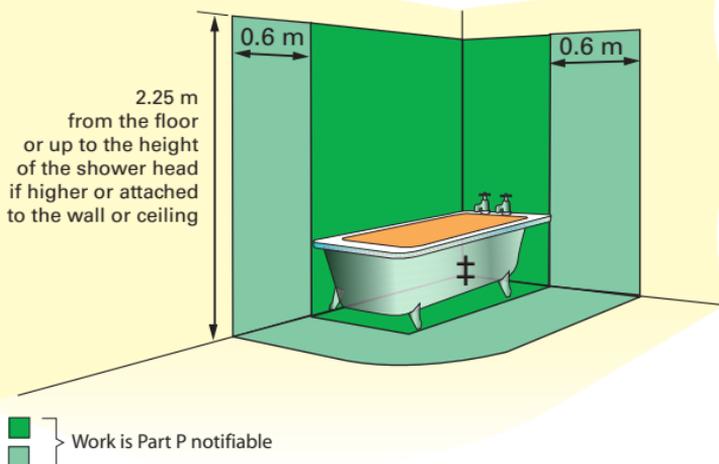
- Installation of a new final circuit or distribution circuit, whether at low voltage (typically 230 V) or extra-low voltage
- Replacement of a consumer unit.

Within a special location\*:

- Any alteration or addition to an existing circuit, whether at low voltage (typically 230 V) or extra-low voltage.

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A special location is a room containing a bath or shower, swimming pool or a sauna heater. For a room containing a bath or shower, an alteration or addition to an existing circuit is notifiable only where carried out in the space surrounding a bath or shower (as illustrated below), rather than the whole room volume, which is the case for rooms containing a swimming pool or sauna heater. For a fuller explanation of special locations, see Section 2 of Approved document P 2013 edition – for use in England.



⊕ Where there is no bath tub or shower tray, the space extends horizontally from the centre point of the shower head where it is attached to the wall or ceiling to a distance of 1.2 metres.

### NON-NOTIFIABLE WORK

All electrical work that is not listed above under 'Notifiable work' need not be notified, namely:

- additions or alterations to existing installations outside of special locations (but not including the provision of a new circuit),
- replacements, repairs and maintenance anywhere,
- installing fixed current-using equipment (provided the circuit protective device and current-carrying capacity of conductors are suitable).

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