

## What are the benefits?

- ACD can assist building owners and designers to exceed current regulations to maximise fuel efficiency and use less energy.
- Quicker handling of building warrant applications as there is no need for further checking of design work that has been certified.
- A 10% discount is given on the entire cost of the warrant fee when a Certificate of Design is submitted with the application for a building warrant.
- Approved certifiers provide an assured service, and confirm a design's compliance with building regulations.
- A firm with membership of an ACD scheme can have more than one active Approved Certifier.
- Approved Bodies are required to hold adequate insurance cover for any project being certified, offering comfort and confidence to clients who engage their services.
- Members of a certification scheme have their work audited by the scheme provider; this maintains the quality standards expected of certification.
- Building professionals must meet the very high standards of qualifications and experience that are necessary to be accepted into the scheme as an Approved Certifier.

Approved Certifiers of Design are not authorised to issue an EPC once the building is completed. To do this you must be a member of a New Build EPC Scheme. Members of the BRE ACD Scheme will be deemed competent to fast track into membership of the corresponding EPC Scheme. See EPC web site below for more detail:

[www.bre.co.uk/epcscotland](http://www.bre.co.uk/epcscotland)

## Information and contacts

For further information about the BRE Approved Certifier of Design Schemes in Scotland please use the contact details below:

BRE Global - Approved Certification of Design Schemes (Section 6 – Energy) for Domestic and Non-Domestic Buildings

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The Certification Register can be accessed from:

[www.scotland.gov.uk/certificationregister/](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/certificationregister/)

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## Certification of Design

(Section 6 – Energy)  
Scottish Building Standards

BRE Schemes for Domestic and Non-Domestic Buildings in Scotland



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The purpose of this leaflet is to explain how energy design work is carried out by suitably qualified and experienced building professionals to certify that a building complies with Section 6 (Energy) Scottish Building Standards.

Certification of work is optional; however there are tangible benefits to be gained by using a BRE Certifier of Design. These include; a 10% discount on the cost of the entire building warrant fee and a faster turnaround of applications by the local authority building standards department.

A building warrant application may be accompanied by a Section 6 Certificate of Design, confirming that the energy design meets the requirements of the building standards.



## What is certification?

A building owner may employ an Approved Certifier of Design (ACD) to ensure that their building meets the requirements of Section 6 (Energy) Scottish Building Standards. The status of "Approved Certifier of Design" is only given to people who hold appropriate qualifications and have sufficient experience to certify that the part of the design process relevant to Section 6 is compliant.

Using an Approved Certifier of Design is an option open to an owner or developer carrying out work that requires a building warrant such as; a new build project, extension or refurbishment. A Certificate of Design provides assurance of compliance with the energy standards. BRE Certifiers are members of a scheme approved by Scottish Ministers.

This leaflet provides information on the two energy design schemes provided by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) in Scotland. These separate schemes have been developed for domestic buildings, such as houses, and for non-domestic buildings such as offices, hospitals and factories. Certification may be extended to cover a greater range of building works in the future. The purpose and intent is that certification will raise standards and improve public safety.

## How does it work?

An applicant for a building warrant using the certification process should indicate on the warrant application that certification services are being used and include the relevant design certificate. Failure to do so will result in refusal of the discount and may increase the length of time required to process the application by the verifier. However, a certificate may be submitted to the verifier at any stage of the building warrant process. A certificate of design will cover the design of the building, part of a building, services or fittings or equipment certifying compliance against:

- Specified building standards in schedule 5 of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004: or
- All the standards within one of the six sections; And in both cases
- All the requirements of the Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 applicable to the application.

If a number of elements are to be certified which cover two or more schemes, a certificate for the works relevant to each scheme must be submitted.

## How do I find an Approved Certifier of Design

The Certification Register can be accessed from:

[www.certificationregister.co.uk](http://www.certificationregister.co.uk)

The Building Standards Division (BSD) of the Scottish Government operates the online Certification Register. This is the official source of information on all approved certifiers. To find a BRE Approved Certifier of Design or their host firm (Approved Body) you should consult this register or contact the BRE Scheme directly.

[www.bre.co.uk/acd](http://www.bre.co.uk/acd)

The Register is used to identify firms offering certification services in your local authority area. The Register is also used by local authority Building Standards Verifiers to check the validity of certificates submitted to them. You can use the Register to find firms that have been awarded Approved Body status under the scheme, by their registration number or by searching for their trading name.

### How to find an Approved Certifier of Design:

- Select the appropriate Scheme (i.e. Certifier of Design)
- Select the local authority area.
- View all the Certifiers offering the Certification services in that area.
- Select a BRE Certifier of Design

Alternatively, type in the name of a firm you know to see if it is registered with the scheme and contact them directly.

