

Don't be caught out; Building Regulations are the LAW.

Government Recognises Competent Roofing Companies

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This is another step towards stamping out the 'cowboys.'

Whether you are a homeowner, private landlord, commercial or industrial property owner, all work carried out by the government-authorised CompetentRoofer scheme involves special self-certification.

The positive implications of CompetentRoofer will help generate an increase in small and large existing roofing improvements, because it represents all-round cost reductions for clients, whilst maintaining high quality workmanship and compliance that is a legal requirement!

Ray Horwood, CBE, chief executive of CompetentRoofer explains: "Roofing companies are inspected prior to joining the CompetentRoofer scheme on their respective roofing disciplines and then allowed to self-authorise only in those disciplines. Members are then regularly inspected at least twice annually."

"This means that the homeowner or business owner get an 'all-in-one' service and do not need building officer approval. The homeowner or building proprietor receives a Building Regulations Completion Certificate and the work is automatically registered with the relevant local authority.

"Overall, this is a big step forward in further professionalising the roofing industry, helping the consumer and eliminating cowboy roofers and rogue companies!"

All CompetentRoofer companies receive random work validation inspections and any failures are immediately rectified. A special training course has been developed to increase operative awareness and there is a 'hot-line' to report errant companies.

FULL LABC SUPPORT

Local Authority Building Control (LABC) fully supports the introduction of competent person schemes where they assist in delivering building works complying with the Building Regulations.

LABC chief executive, Paul Everall, CBE, points out: "A successful CompetentRoofer scheme will be a real asset to this country and may well be of great assistance when the government comes to implement its Green Deal!"

"We are confident that the NFRC scheme limits entrants to those who can clearly demonstrate their competence. This is not just in the physical aspects of refurbishing roofs but also in ensuring that in carrying out the work no other part of the Regulations is breached! Likewise, that the performance of scheme members is regularly monitored.

“CompetentRoofer is a real measure of assurance to the client that the work has not been done by a rogue trader and LABC is committed to working with the government and organisations such as TrustMark, to ensure that the public is properly protected.”

“As a CompetentRoofer, we have undergone all the necessary training, instructions and inspections, so we can now confidently complete the job and self-certify, which means no hold ups!