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Third party certification for fire and security

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## Welcome to IFC Certification Ltd

IFC Certification is part of the Kiwa family of companies and is an independent UKAS accredited provider of high quality customer focused third party certification in support of fire safety and security.

The necessity for manufacturers and installers to be able to demonstrate capability and traceability of their products and services is now more important than ever before, with increased public awareness, industry mindfulness and regulatory recommendations.

With over 15 years' experience of successfully delivering our certification services to a vast array of clients who specify, design, manufacture, install, assess or maintain fire protection products and systems, IFC Certification are the perfect partners to ensure you remain industry leaders.

We can offer schemes covering Product and Installer Certification; as well as Enhanced Security Schemes, Site Inspections Services and we are also an Approved Body for certificating products for UKCA marking.

We look forward to working with you in the future, building a lasting relationship, and helping to elevate your business to the next level.

David Mowatt Head of Certification, IFCC







## About **Kiwa**

The Kiwa group is a world top 20 leader in testing, inspection and certification (TIC). With our certification, inspecting, testing, training and technology services, we create trust in our customers' products, services, processes, management systems and employees.

We are globally active in over 40 countries, covering a wide variety of markets segments, ranging from construction and energy supply to drinking water, healthcare, electrical and wireless in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Oceana.

We have clients in manufacturing and process industries, (business) services, public and private utilities, governments and international institutions. Kiwa employs over 10,000 people and in 2021 became a member of SHV's family of companies.

## Part of **SHV**

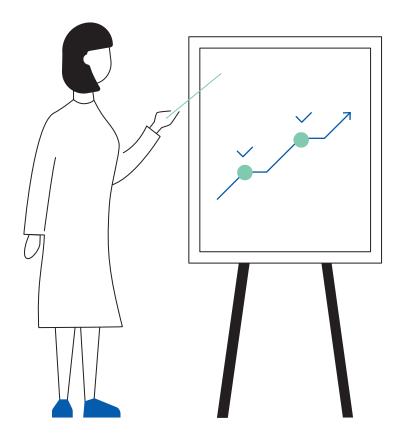
Since 2021, Kiwa has been a proud member of the SHV Family of Companies. This milestone in our company history has enabled us to take the next step in our global development and safeguard an independent future for Kiwa. Together, we strive to be a globally engaged TIC player for our customers, employees and society at large.



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# Demonstrate Capability, Traceability & Quality



Like every good business, you guarantee the quality you deliver. After all, your products, services, personnel and processes comply with all the laws and regulations concerning safety, efficiency, control and sustainability.

These values will come naturally to you; but convincing potential customers or clients of your good intentions matters too. Our certification services can help you do just that.

#### **Contact us**

Please get in contact, if you would like to learn more about our services

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## We are Kiwa

Certification independently confirms characteristics for product, process, person or organisation. Kiwa certificates and reports offer reliable, impartial, objective and internationally recognised evidence.

- Fosters engagement
- Improves efficiency
- Provides certainty
- Improves customer satisfaction
- Ensures market confidence
- Is great for marketing
- Creates trust
- Generates business opportunities

## UKAS Accreditation

Organisations such as IFCC, who certify third parties are themselves formally accredited. This is provided by an accreditation body, which is put in place by the government of a certain country.

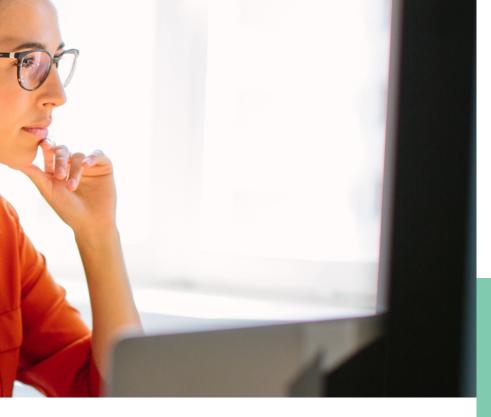
IFC Certification is UKAS accredited for a number of schemes.

www.ukas.com









## A process you can trust

You think your services and products are great; your clients are constantly telling you that this is the case, but can you evidence it?

We appreciate that the process of auditing and certification approval can seem a daunting one to go through, especially if it's the first time to be undertaken.

Our experienced team will guide you efficiently through the process and make sure achieving certification is a benefit and not a burden for you, your team or your business.

**Step 1** You apply online to join an IFCC product or installer scheme.



**Step 2** (Product) We review, verify, audit your test evidence and FPC.



**Step 3** We review your management systems, technical competence and workmanship.



**Step 4** We issue your scheme certificate.



**Step 5** We continue with agreed annual audits and periodic site inspections.

"We are excited to assist you in achieving your Product and Installer Certification for Active and Passive Fire and Security Products. As a UKAS accredited UK Approved Body, we possess the expertise and experience to elevate your business to new heights."

Dave Mowatt



# IFC Certification Online Access

Our online directory is a must use tool to share and display all your credentials and certification. As an installer, when you achieve approved certification status with us, you automatically gain access to our online platform (MyCert) including your own bespoke area.

# The IFCC Certification Portal



#### Mobile friendly

The Certification Platform's intuitive interface is designed to enhance the user experience and is accessible via Desktop, Tablet or Mobile technology; especially useful for our non-office based clients.



#### Round the clock access

The Certification Platform provides 24/7 access to your account, providing flexibility for clients working 'on site' or outside the UK.



### Be found by potential customers

Control and manage your company details and certificates, ensuring that your most up-to-date information can be found on our Directory of Approved Certified Companies.



### **Online Directory**

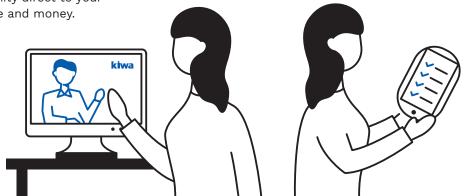
Search our comprehensive directory of IFCC certified companies, products and certificates.

www.ifccertification.com

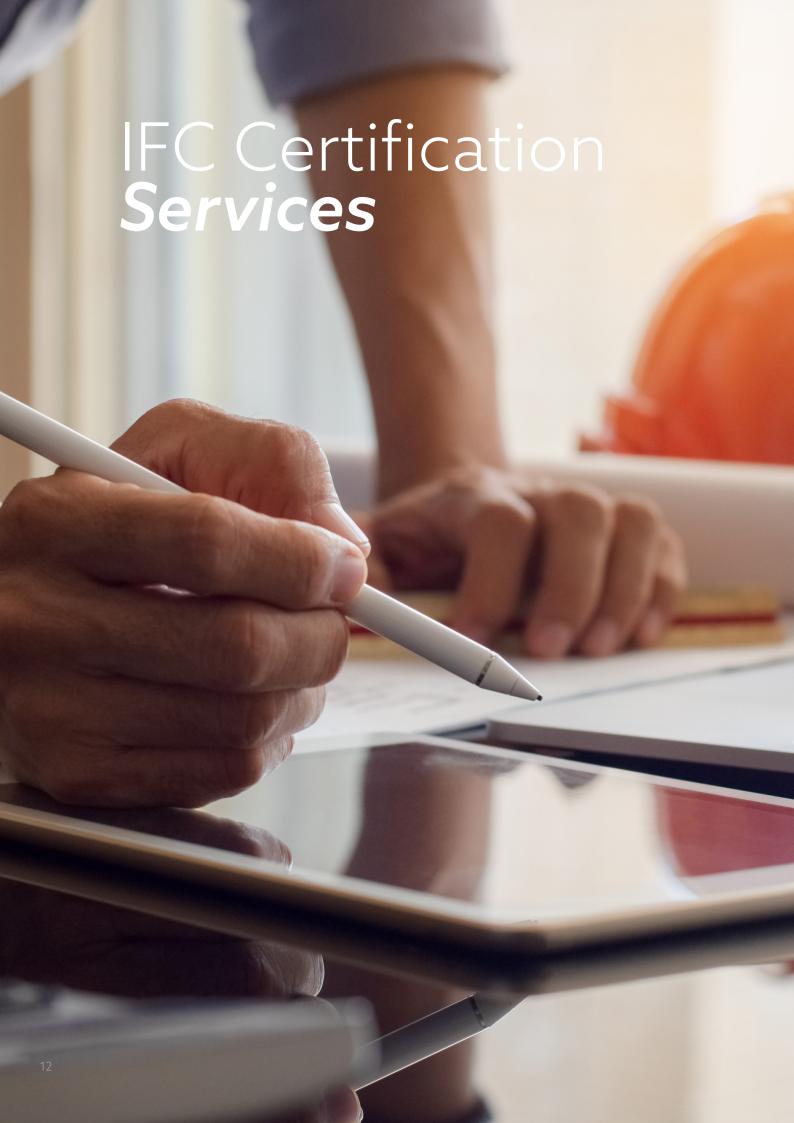


#### **Quicker project completions**

As soon as any installation project is complete, it's now quick and simple to issue Certificates of Conformity direct to your clients, saving you time and money.









#### **IFC** Certification

We offer a range of schemes designed to provide confidence that Fire Protection products and systems are installed correctly to good standards of workmanship and within the scope of approval for the specified product.

## Installer Certification Schemes



Correct installation of fire protection products is vital if they are to perform as intended and provide the specified fire performance. Incorrect installation can lead to non-performance, premature failure, loss of insurance cover and potential loss of life, property, stock and business interruption.

To be effective in preventing or controlling the spread of fire, or for protection of structural elements from the effects of fire, these products need to be installed properly within their approved field of application. Failure to do so can compromise fire performance with consequences for property, life, safety and commercial risk.

Our installer certification schemes together with our product certification provides a robust system that gives confidence to specifier's, contractors, enforcement authorities, regulators, and end users that proven products, together with good insulation, will achieve the required level of fire performance.

The IFC Certification Quality Mark enables installer companies to demonstrate the quality of their installations.

The following is an indication of the wide range of schemes currently available:

- Fire Sprinkler Systems
- Fire Resistant Timber Doors
- Penetration, Linear Gap Seals and Cavity Barriers
- Smoke Control Systems
- Structural Steelwork Fire Protection;
   Boards, Sprays, Intumescent Coatings

The process involves auditing of an installer company's office and site based activities, competence assessment of operatives and supervisors and certificates of conformity.



Designed to give confidence that products have been thoroughly and independently evaluated and will continue to be manufactured to the same specification as they were when originally tested.

# Product Certification Schemes



Having new products certified to EU, UK or US standards by IFC Certification will help you to market and sell your products in an increasingly competitive marketplace, as it provides affordable, customer focused, independent certification of your fire protection products.

This type of approval is recognised as the highest level you can obtain for your products.

Part of the product certification process involves our inspectors conducting a Factory Production Control audit of your manufacturing facility to verify that adequate and appropriate controls have been implemented in the manufacturing process.

Certification covers initial type testing and on-going product verification and includes procedures to verify that subsequent production items will perform as those originally tested, developing increased product confidence. IFC Certification enable clients to identify their products by a traceable label which can be used by developers, building owners and other end users to verify the origin, fire rating, manufacturer and certification number of the product.

The following is an indication of the wide-ranging schemes currently available:

- Fire Resistant Timber Doors
- Fire Resistant Glass and Glazing
- Fire Rated Ducts and Dampers
- Smoke Control Products
- Structural Steelwork Fire Protection;
   Boards, Sprays, Intumescent Coatings



**IFC Certification** 

Independent inspection and reporting on all aspects of fire protection systems in buildings.

# Inspection **Services**

From historic buildings to new build, from sprinklers to fire doors, we provide independent inspection and reporting on all aspects of Fire Protection systems in buildings. Our inspection services are accredited by UKAS to ISO/IEC 17020.

We provide independent inspection reporting services across all aspects of fire protection systems in buildings. This includes both active and passive systems; covering the likes of sprinkler systems, smoke control, fire doors, fire stopping and steel protection.

As a UKAS accredited inspection body specialising in all aspects of fire protection for both products and services our bespoke specialist inspections of fire protection in buildings will identify fire associated risks and suggest remedial actions to reduce the potential risk to life, property and contents, allowing normal activities to continue as soon as possible after a fire has occurred.

"Chase New Homes engaged IFCC to assist with the inspection and recording of the firestopping undertaken in a number of historic apartment blocks.

The service we have been provided has been first class from the detailed inspections on site through to the quality of the written reports. This is given us comfort that the work has been installed correctly and to the relevant standards."

Colin Males
Chase New Homes

#### Book a fire safety inspection



IFC Certification, a
UK-approved body,
can help you achieve
UKCA marking for your
fire safety products,
enabling quick market
entry and confident
sales growth in the
UK market.

## UKCA **Marking**

This marking provides a system under which a product is evaluated to a set of minimum requirements embodied in technical specifications enabling it to be confidently placed on the market.

As a UK Approved Body, we are able to attest your fire protection products, enabling you to affix the UKCA Mark and sell your products across the UK.

IFC Certification is a UKAS accredited certification body and is a UK approved body (No. 1720) under the Construction Products Regulation.



The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) mark is a product marking that is used for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking. Known as 'new approach' goods.

The UKCA marking came into effect on 1st of January 2021. However, to allow businesses time to adjust to the new requirements, you will still be able to use CE marking until at







#### **IFC** Certification

Our Enhanced Security
Performance Product
scheme has been
developed to meet the
requirements set out
by UK police initiative –
Secured by Design.

**Secured by Design** 



## IFCC Enhanced Security Schemes

The IFCC Enhanced Security Performance Product scheme has been developed to meet the requirements set out by the UK police flagship initiative Secured by Design.

Secured by Design is the official UK Police Flagship initiative supporting the principle of 'designing out crime' and focuses on crime prevention of homes and commercial premises through the use of security standards for a wide range of applications and products.

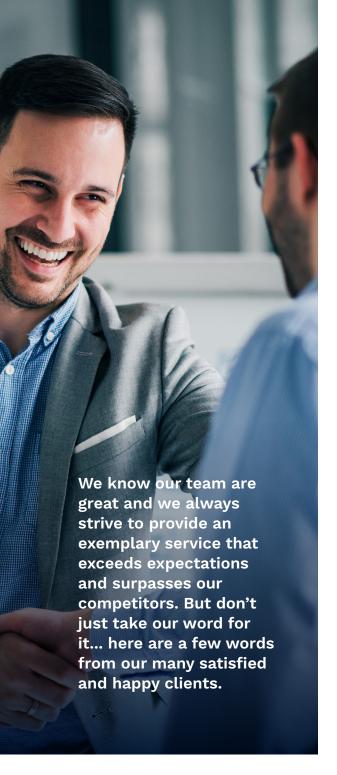


Having products certificated by IFC Certification to the IFCC Enhance Security Performance Products Scheme will help you market and sell your products in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

IFC Certification provides affordable, customer focused, independent third party certification of enhanced security products meeting the requirements of Secured by Design.

Certification covers initial type testing, factory production control audit and includes procedures to demonstrate that subsequent production will also have the same performance, delivering increased product confidence. The following schemes are currently available:

- Enhanced Security Doors Timber
- Enhanced Security Doors Metal
- Enhanced Security Doors Composite and UV PC
- Enhanced Security Windows and Glazing



## IFC Certification testimonials

"We have worked with IFCC for a number of years and their service and support is first class. In an industry that needs to be held to the highest of standards, IFCC epitomise that professionalism and embody a culture of continued development and compliance."

## **Matthew McMullan**Operations Director, Hartland Fire

"Working with IFC Certification has been a seamless and reassuring experience when it comes to fire safety. Their team, especially the inspectors, are knowledgeable, professional, and always a pleasure to collaborate with. They take a hands-on approach when offering detailed advice when needed, ensuring that the products we install meet the highest safety standards."

## **Roisin Flynn**Training and Systems Manager, Flynn Interiors Limited

"We consider the third party certification of passive fire safety products to be of paramount importance. Working with Kiwa affords us and our customers total confidence in the performance of our products and the accuracy of the claims we make about them."

Jim White
Technical Director, Forza Doors



"The IFC Certification scheme was identified as best meeting our requirements. Our scheme manager, Marc, went through and explained the entire process, which was backed up with clear documentation, making the process relatively simple and straightforward."

## Kevin Blake MISM

Technical Support Manager, Acoustic and Insulation Manufacturing

"I am pleased to share my experience with IFC Certification. Their commitment to excellence is evident in every interaction. The level of service they provide is outstanding: They consistently demonstrate remarkable response times, ensuring that our queries and concerns are addressed promptly. What truly sets IFC Certification apart is their integrity and transparency in all dealings. Their team possesses profound knowledge and a sound understanding of the construction, trade and build environment."

## John Smyth Director, Montgomery Smyth Fire Consultancy Limited

"We have now had IFC certification UK on board with us for a year now and I can't praise them enough. We predominantly cover MOD work with very strict guidelines and expectations imposed on us. Having James Bates there for guidance as well when we need it is invaluable for us as a company with his extensive knowledge. Certainly one of the best business decisions we have ever made was joining IFC certification."

## David Bardell Chase New Homes

"Alpha Fire Protection are very happy with the service provided to us by IFC certification. We have always found that they're very responsive to our queries and enquiries and very knowledgeable with an excellent understanding of the construction and Fire Protection trade."

Kieran Thompson
Managing Director, Alpha Fire
Protection

#### **Industry Partners**

IFC Certification are proud to be active members of a number of important trade bodies and associations. Here are just a few of our current memberships.















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