

WOOD BURNING STOVES

Do I need Building Regulation consent?

Building Regulation consent has been required for the installation of a wood burning stove and its associated flue provision since April 2006 and involves submitting the necessary application to STG Building Control. Consent for the installation can also be obtained from HETAS, the official body licensed by the government to approve solid fuel domestic heating appliances, fuels and services. In this case, no application to STG Building Control will be required as the HETAS installer will supervise the works and provide the correct certification on completion.



What if the wood burning stove uses my existing chimney?

If it is intended that the wood burning stove uses an existing chimney, this will first need to be checked to ensure that it is safe for re-use by the appliance. This assessment will need to be undertaken by a competent person i.e. a HETAS registered installer, who will check the chimney and verify that it is suitable for re-use by the wood burning stove. This assessment could also reveal that additional remedial work may be required to make the chimney compliant i.e. a detective flue may need to be relined and the competent person will advise you accordingly. The registered installer will also provide a commissioning certificate on completion of the works.

It should however be borne in mind that if consent for the installation is submitted under the Building Regulations to the Partnership, a commissioning certificate from a registered installer will still be required to confirm that the appliance and flue have been installed correctly and are working safely.

What if I construct a new chimney for the wood burning stove to use?

If it is intended to construct a new chimney, consent will be required under the Building Regulation consent and it could also require planning permission. You are therefore advised to contact the local planning department of your council to ascertain if their additional consent is required.

Who provides the Compliance Certificate?

HETAS Registered Businesses leave the customer with a Compliance Certificate and send a copy to HETAS for onward notification to the appropriate Local Authority.

The Partnership will issue a Completion Certificate once notified by our representative that works have been completed satisfactorily.

The Certificates issued by HETAS and the Partnership and the notifications HETAS send to Local Authority are important records demonstrating that work was done legally, by registered competent businesses and individuals and records that the registered business carried out the work in accordance with Building Regulations.

Further information

More information about HETAS, registered installers and making sure the wood burning stove has the correct certificate is available online at <http://www.hetas.co.uk/> or they can be contacted on 0845 634 5626.