

## Competent Person Schemes

### Candidate Information

If you are taking one of the following BPEC Training Courses we would like to make sure you understand the scope of the training you are undertaking.

- Domestic Vented and Unvented Hot Water Storage Systems
- Domestic Hot Water Systems Part J
- Water Byelaws & Water Regulations
- Solar Thermal Domestic Hot Water Systems
- Heat Pump Systems
- Solid BioMass
- Solid Fuel

When carrying out work in these areas it is a requirement that the installation complies with current standards and where required is registered with either a Competent Person Scheme (CPS), the Local Authority, Water Undertaker or Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) as appropriate.

To achieve this and depending on the area of work you may need to become a member of a Competent Person Scheme and/or MCS so that the work can be registered.

You can also self-certify (depending on the area of work) with a local authority – for example unvented hot water systems.

BPEC does not operate a Competent Person Scheme but the training you undertake is recognised by the schemes.

The Competent Person Scheme entry requirements may require you to have additional qualifications/certificates to the training you have undertaken. This is why our application forms ask about your previous experience and qualifications – if you do not hold these additional qualifications then you may not be accepted onto a Competent Person Scheme.

For example the **Association of Plumbing and Heating Contractor’s** schemes have the following requirements.

Appliance, system or measure	Requirements – Preferred Minimum Qualification/Certificates
<b>Installation of heating and hot water systems, including innovative hot water systems</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus <b>BPEC Domestic Vented and Unvented Hot Water Storage Systems</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC Domestic Vented and Unvented Hot Water Storage Systems</b>

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<b>Installation of plumbing and water supply systems, including water efficient taps and showers</b>	NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus <b>BPEC Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations Certificate</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations Certificate</b>
<b>Installation of non-wholesome water supply to a sanitary convenience with a flushing mechanism</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating with Environmental (Water Re-use) Option Or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus <b>BPEC Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations Certificate</b> , and <b>BPEC Rainwater Harvesting and Greywater Recycling</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations Certificate</b> , and <b>BPEC Rainwater Harvesting and Greywater Recycling</b>
<b>Sanitary Conveniences, sinks, washbasins, fixed baths, showers, or bathrooms in dwellings</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus <b>BPEC Above Ground Sanitary Pipework Certificate</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC Above Ground Sanitary Pipework Certificate</b>
<b>Underfloor Heating</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating with Underfloor Heating within CH Unit, or NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus <b>BPEC underfloor heating certificate (mapped against the standard)</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC underfloor heating certificate (mapped against the standard)</b>
<b>Solar Thermal</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating with Environmental (Solar Thermal) Option Or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus additional Solar Thermal qualification: QCF Award in Installation, Service and Maintenance of Environmental Technology Systems (Solar Thermal), or <b>BPEC Solar Thermal mapped certificate</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC Solar Thermal mapped certificate</b>

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<b>Ground and Air Source Heat Pumps</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating with Environmental (Heat Pumps) Option Or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus additional heat pump qualification: QCF Award in Installation, Service and Maintenance of Environmental Technology Systems (Heat Pumps), or <b>BPEC heat pumps mapped certificate</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus <b>BPEC heat pumps mapped certificate</b>
<b>Solid Fuel Boilers</b>	NVQ Level 3 Diploma Plumbing and Domestic Heating with Solid fuel (Solid Mineral) Option or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus HETAS or APHC solid fuel commissioning qualification in the last 5 years. It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus HETAS or APHC solid fuel commissioning qualification in the last 5 years
<b>Biomass Boilers</b>	NVQ Diploma Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating with Solid Fuel (Biomass) Option or, NVQ Level 2 Plumbing or Domestic Heating plus HETAS or APHC solid fuel commissioning qualification in the last 5 years and HETAS - H005/H005BR or <b>BPEC biomass mapped certificate</b> It may be possible to prove competence through the APHC Experienced Worker entry route plus: HETAS or APHC solid fuel commissioning qualification in the last 5 years and HETAS - H005/H005BR or <b>BPEC biomass mapped certificate</b>

In addition schemes may also ask you to hold relevant insurance and have appropriate policies and procedures in place.

You can find out more information about the schemes mentioned by visiting:

[www.gov.uk/building-regulations-competent-person-schemes](http://www.gov.uk/building-regulations-competent-person-schemes)

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

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

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

[www.microgenerationcertification.org](http://www.microgenerationcertification.org)

[www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures](http://www.gov.uk/green-deal-energy-saving-measures)