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Fire Safety for installers, designers  
and maintenance companies of fire  
protection systems

BAFE registration:  
the BSI difference



# About BAFE registration



BAFE registration is voluntary but very important for those in the UK fire safety and protection industry. Many organizations now require it of companies that install or maintain their fire safety systems.

Registration is achieved through certification to BAFE (British Approvals for Fire Equipment) specifications by UKAS-accredited certification bodies (CBs). An entirely independent organisation, BAFE develops national standards for a wide range of fire-safety services, and it will only register companies that meet them — and have third-party evidence that they do.

The BAFE register, which those in need of fire-safety services can search online, brings customers — facilities managers, business owners, property managers, specifiers, etc. — together with companies they can trust. It is a directory of independently audited and approved providers.

For many working in fire safety and protection, BAFE registration is a commercial imperative. The UK Government now strongly recommends the use of third-party certificated providers by those in charge of fire safety. This makes potential customers much more like to use a company or specialist with a BAFE certificate.

# The BSI difference of BAFE certification

A world leader in the certification of many fire safety products, with decades of experience, we audit providers to a wide range of BAFE Specifications (see below). We also offer something no other UKAS-accredited CB can: the Kitemark, the world-renowned quality mark.

Kitemark schemes, first developed in the early 20th-century, are available for a variety of products and services. They are designed to recognize excellence in manufacturing and service provision. The BSI Kitemark, tells a customer a company or service provider goes the 'extra mile'. (See box, below.)

The rigour of BAFE schemes means we're happy to award the Kitemark to anyone meeting their criteria. Achieve BAFE certification with us, the world's first standards organisation, and you'll also achieve a world-class quality mark — without the need for any further auditing.

The Kitemark certification can be a distinct advantage in the marketplace. Many fire safety and protection service providers will be on the BAFE register; not all of them will have a world-class quality mark. The Kitemark instantly associates you with a well-known brand and with a name well-known in the fire industry, BSI.

**Remember:**

The Kitemark is exclusive to BSI and cannot be awarded by any other UKAS-accredited certification body.



**Choose us for BAFE registration; use the BSI Kitemark**



**65%** said BSI Kitemark had **increased sales**

**75%** said BSI Kitemark certification helped them **attract more customers**

**87%** of consumers are willing **to pay more for** a product displaying a BSI Kitemark

**80%** improved their **business reputation**

**95%** of consumers are **more likely to buy** a product if it has a BSI Kitemark

**67%** of consumers **have awareness** of the BSI Kitemark

**BSI Kitemark certification is the ultimate Mark of Trust**

# The BAFE schemes we cover

We audit and certify companies and providers to the BAFE schemes below:

## **SP101 Competency of Portable Fire Extinguisher Organizations and Technicians**

SP1010 is a scheme to ensure organisations and the technicians they employ (who must pass a BAFE Diploma) are competent to source the correct fire extinguishers for buildings, commission on-site checks, position and install fire extinguishers and carry out regular maintenance to the requirements of BS 5306-3 and BS 5306-8.

## **SP203-1 Fire Detection and Alarm Systems**

This scheme is split into four modules, system design, installation, commissioning/handover and maintenance, to ensure that a company only gains BAFE registration for their specific area(s) of work. It covers several British Standards, but primarily BS 5839-1 and BS 5839-6.

## **SP203-3 Fixed Gaseous Fire Extinguishing Systems**

The scheme works in much the same way as its sister, SP203-1, above, and covers rooms/areas which require a total flooding system, such as data rooms, to BS 6266 and BS EN 15004-1.

## **SP203-4 Emergency Lighting Systems**

SP203-4 was launched at the end of 2010, with the help and support of ICEL (Industry Committee for Emergency Lighting), this is also divided into four modules, design, installation, commissioning (verification) and maintenance, so that companies are assessed on, and only registered for, their specific areas of work, to BS 5266-1.

## **SP105 Service and Maintenance of Dry and Wet Riser/Falling Installations**

This scheme ensures that companies that service/maintain vertical water mains installed in buildings for fire-fighting purposes are competent to do so. It works to British Standard BS 9990.

## **SP206 Kitchen Fire Protection Systems**

The scheme was developed in association with insurers and members of both the catering and fire-safety industries and their representatives, and launched in the final quarter of 2018, SP206 provides assurance that kitchen fire-protection systems will be competently installed and maintained. The scheme is not modular: to be registered for BAFE SP206, a company must have the necessary skills in all these areas: design; installation; commissioning; recharge; maintenance of protection/suppression systems. Companies are only registered against the manufacturers/systems they install/maintain.

## **SP 207 Evacuation Alert Systems**

Supporting British Standard BS 8629 (Evacuation Alert Systems for use by fire and rescue services in buildings containing flats), the BAFE SP207 scheme covers quality, evidence of competency and maintenance of evacuation alert systems.

If you're certified by BSI for any of the above schemes, you'll also achieve the Kitemark certification. In many cases, BSI can offer combined assessments covering more than one scheme, thereby simplifying the certification process.



# What BSI Kitemark certification means for your business

The Kitemark certification can level the playing field and help small companies and sole traders compete in a crowded marketplace. It recognizes quality and competence — wherever they're found. Whether you're running a small business or working on your own, you can achieve the Kitemark certification once you're BAFE-certified by BSI.

As the holder of the Kitemark, you'll be able to use the symbol for marketing purposes. This means that when potential customers search the BAFE register and follow the links to

certified providers in their areas, they'll be able to see the symbol on your website. They'll receive double assurance that you won't let them down.

**Demonstrate to your customers you are committed to providing the highest level of service and knowledge**

— use **BSI for BAFE certification.**

## Get in touch with us today and find out more

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## Why BSI?

For over a century BSI has championed what good looks like and driven best practice in organizations around the world. As one of the founding members of ISO, we help make sure international standards developed address today and tomorrow's business and social needs, while delivering real benefits to an organization and all its stakeholders.

We work closely with leading manufacturers to ensure their products meet the latest Regulations to gain market access. We focus on delivering a testing and certification partnership underpinned by quality, safety, reliability and accuracy aligned to your product development requirements. That's why we're best placed to help you understand standards and to meet the requirements.

From shaping collective best practice with our knowledge solutions to product testing, certification, and environmental health and safety professional services, we are committed to innovating and collaborating with our clients to build a safer more resilient tomorrow — one that protects buildings, assets, the environment and most importantly people.

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