



Media Release

NFRC'S COMPETENT ROOFER SCHEME GETS GREEN LIGHT FROM GOVERNMENT

The National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC) has been given Government go head to implement and run a Competent Person Scheme for roofing work. It is expected to contribute substantially to even greater roofing industry efficiency and performance while cutting down on statutory inspection costs.

To be known as the CompetentRoofer scheme, it means that roofing companies who are registered can 'self certify' for Building Regulations on most roofing refurbishment work.

NFRC's chief executive, Ray Horwood, explains: "A CompetentRoofer scheme has been the long term aspiration of our members. In particular, it will endorse their capabilities of best practice, diligence and expertise in the face of the ongoing threat from 'cowboy' operators.

"We believe that implementation of the scheme will significantly 'level' the playing field, ensuring that roofing companies can continually uphold standards while gaining business and best serving the public and other customers.

All roofing companies will be able to apply whether or not they are NFRC members but they will be subject to inspections in the roofing disciplines in which they operate.

Under the terms of the CompetentRoofer scheme on completion of the roofing work a representative of the roofing company will sign a document endorsing that work has been carried out in full compliance with the Building Regulations. Consequently the homeowner or building owner will not be required to pay for an inspection and will be issued with a certificate of compliance that will also go to the appropriate local authority building control department.

Horwood points out: "As part of a monitoring scheme, NFRC will operate a 'hotline' allowing roofing companies to report incidents where they believe that a building owner or company is failing to obey Building Regulations. In such circumstances, NFRC will pass on the relevant information for further action."

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NB: Ray Horwood, COE, National Federation of Roofing Contractors, will be pleased to answer any specific questions on the CompetentRoofer scheme.

NOTE TO EDITORS

To ensure compliance with the CompetentRoofer scheme all companies will receive two audits a year on 'work in progress'. All NFRC members will receive the Federation's definitive guide to the Building Regulations on pitched and flat roof. Also an NFRC CPD system will be introduced in partnership with NFRC Associate Companies to provide an ongoing update for roofers on products and building requirements.

NFRC is the UK's largest roofing trade association representing over 60% of the roofing industry by value. NFRC actively ensures that members offer high standards of workmanship and sound business practice through a strict code of practice and vetting procedure, including site inspections and adhering to the Government endorsed TrustMark standards. NFRC also offers training services, technical advice, and represents member interests to the wider construction industry and Government. For more information please visit www.nfrc.co.uk.