

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR BWF-CERTIFIRE SCHEME MEMBERSHIP



What is the BWF-CERTIFIRE Fire Door and Doorset Scheme?

The BWF-CERTIFIRE Fire Door and Doorset Scheme was launched in 1997 by a group of Prime Fire Door Manufacturers within the BWF with an aim to improve the standard of, and information concerning fire doors.

The Scheme is a third-party accreditation and certification scheme and is operated and managed by the British Woodworking Federation (BWF). It was established as a partnership, combining the membership, lobbying and promotion skills of the BWF with the technical and certification skills of Warrington Certification Ltd (WCL).

The ultimate vision of the scheme is that every fire door or fire doorset sold in the UK meets the requirements of the building regulations applicable to England and Wales, and the relevant building specification requirements in Scotland and Northern Ireland - and continues to meet these standards throughout its service life.

The members have the opportunity to be involved in the strategic direction and decision making of the Scheme through its meetings held twice a year in May and November. All members are invited to attend.



Facts about the Scheme

The BWF Fire Door and Doorset Scheme is the largest accreditation and certification scheme for fire doors and associated products in the UK. The exacting standards expected of members' and their products are set in order to ensure quality and above all, safety, in the event of a fire.

The scheme includes manufacturers, licensed door processors as well as approved suppliers, who play an important part in maintaining these standards.

- Third-party accreditation by industry-recognised partner
- Robust independent auditing and scrutiny of each member and their products
- ISO 9001 Factory Production Control requirement for all its members
- Clear labeling of products
- Traceability of every product sold under the Scheme
- Certification of companies licensed to process / convert fire doors
- Certification of all components fitted to fire doors
- The biggest fire door certification Scheme in the UK
- High market penetration - 70% of fire door market
- Authoritative and influential voice within the Fire and Construction Industries
- Significant marketing initiatives and programmes
- Free member listing in the Scheme Directory and website

Auditing - More than just certification

Building owners, installers, inspectors and maintainers must ensure that a fire door can function correctly in the event of a fire. To do so they need to have evidence to show that the door assembly has been tested and achieves a rating for the fire door.

- A test certificate alone, only tells the purchaser that a company's products have been tested and they have a certificate to prove it. **It provides only a snapshot of the product test.**
- Third-party certification tests and verifies a fire door's design, performance, manufacturing process and quality assurance at the time of manufacture. In addition, **the company is independently audited** to ensure that all the management and manufacturing processes and systems are in place to ensure consistency with the product that was tested.
- **The product too, is subjected to regular scrutiny**, with frequent testing taking place on standard products to ensure that the test wasn't a one-off result.
- **Certification rules** apply to each door leaf or doorset manufacturer as well as those door processors who are licensed to make alterations to the door.

Labeling and Traceability

The correct installation and maintenance of a fire door is vitally important. Fire doors MUST comply with the building regulations which apply throughout the UK. They must also be inspected and maintained correctly under regulations which apply to all existing non-domestic buildings throughout the UK¹

One of the Scheme's main features is to ensure that every installer and end-user of a fire door is aware of how the door complies, and how it should be fitted correctly and maintained.

The Scheme's label identification system describes :

- The fire rating of the door (shown in minutes)
- The door's certification number (CF or CAF number)
- The door's unique manufacturing number (to allow traceability of the product)
- The name and contact details of the manufacturer or licensed door processor

Installation and maintenance instructions, supplied with every door define which components should be fitted to the door to ensure correct performance.

Door leaves that are apertured and glazed by the door manufacturer, or by one of the Scheme's Licensed Processors, are also labeled to show that the door's certification has been maintained.

How your company benefits from the Scheme.

Being part of the BWF Fire Door Scheme means that your business is accredited and certificated, thus demonstrating that your company's products are consistently checked to the high standards required by regulation. Third party-certificated products are becoming increasingly specified because of the more robust requirements required for these products.

¹ Refer to Building Regulations for new buildings - Approved Documents in England and Wales / Technical Handbooks in Scotland / Technical Booklets in Northern Ireland : The Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order, England and Wales / The Fire Scotland Act / Fire and Rescue Services (Northern Ireland) Order

- On social media channels you use to promote e.g. Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook Our Twitter name is @bwf_certifire and LinkedIn Group is "UK Fire Doors"
- All marketing material is CPD Approved



Gap checkers for Installers



Online Educational Videos

Step 4: Training your staff and customers

The Scheme has developed a number of training programmes to make sure your staff are able to demonstrate their knowledge and expertise to customers and other specifiers.



Our courses range from "An Introduction to Fire Doors" - an online course providing a simple understanding of fire doors and their components - to an FDIS Diploma*, an industry-recognised diploma examination and qualification in fire doors, enabling staff members to have DipFD on their business cards.

* An FDIS Diploma qualification is the first stepping-stone in the journey to become an Accredited Fire Door Inspector. You may wish to consider how your company may benefit in offering this unique service. For more details visit www.fdis.co.uk or contact the scheme Manager, Neil Ashdown



Qualifying Fire Door Professionals

Need more help?

For further information about the BWF's Fire Door Scheme visit the website at www.bwfcertifire.org.uk

The BWF-CERTIFIRE Fire Door team can help you further:

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Summary of Resources

Here's a summary of some useful resources available from the BWF-CERTIFIRE Fire Door Scheme:

- Website Address : www.bwfcertifire.org.uk
- Knowledge Centre : www.bwfcertifire.org.uk/knowledge-centre
- Fact Cards: <http://www.bwfcertifire.org.uk/publications/fact-cards>
- Fire Door installation video : www.bwfcertifire.org.uk/knowledge-centre/installation
- An Introduction to Fire Doors Training Video : www.bwfcertifire.org.uk/knowledge-centre/introduction-to-fire-doors-cpd
- Fire Door Safety Checklist : www.bwfcertifire.org.uk/fire-door-safety
- Fire Door Diploma : www.fdis.co.uk/qualify-with-fdis
- Fire Door Inspection Scheme : www.fdis.co.uk