

# Detailed guide: Certification for companies working on equipment containing F gas

*Updated:* Added web addresses for certification bodies.

Your company must be certified to handle [fluorinated greenhouse gases \(F gases\) regulated by the EU](#) if it services the following types of equipment for other businesses:

- stationary refrigeration systems that contain F gas
- stationary air conditioning and heat pump systems that contain F gas
- stationary fire protection systems that contain F gas

Servicing includes installing, repairing, maintaining and decommissioning.

Your employees must also be qualified as individuals if they handle F gas. Find out how to [get qualified to work with F gas as an individual](#).

Sole traders must be qualified as individuals and certified as companies.

Certificates issued in other EU member states are valid in the UK.

## **Exception for companies servicing their own equipment**

Your company doesn't have to be certified if it only services its own equipment.

For example, a supermarket doesn't have to be certified if it employs someone to service its refrigeration systems. However, a company that has a contract to service the supermarket's refrigeration systems must be certified.

Your employees still have to be qualified as individuals if they handle F gas, even if your company doesn't have to be certified.

## **Refrigeration and stationary air conditioning certification**

Your company must be certified by one of these organisations if it services refrigeration or stationary air conditioning and heat pump systems for other businesses:

Refcom Certification Ltd

Old Mansion House

Eamont Bridge

Penrith

Cumbria

CA10 2BX

Telephone: 01768 860 409

Email: [refcom.info@theBESA.com](mailto:refcom.info@theBESA.com)

Company number: 06772204

[Refcom Certification Ltd](#)

F-Gas Register (Quidos)

8 North Parade Buildings

Bath

BA1 1NS

Telephone: 01225 667 697

Email: [info@fgasregister.com](mailto:info@fgasregister.com)

Company number: 05665301

[F-Gas Register \(Quidos\)](#)

Bureau Veritas UK Ltd

Fifth Floor

66 Prescott Street

London

E1 8HG

Telephone: 0845 600 1828

Email: [caroline.bettridge@uk.bureauveritas.com](mailto:caroline.bettridge@uk.bureauveritas.com)

Company number: 01758622

[Bureau Veritas UK Ltd](#)

You must renew your company's certification every 3 years.

## **Fire protection certification**

Your company must be certified by the [Fire Industry Association](#) if you work on fire protection systems.

Fire Industry Association

Tudor House

Kingsway Business Park

Oldfield Road

Hampton

Middlesex, UK

TW12 2HD

Telephone: 020 3166 5002

Email: [info@fia.uk.com](mailto:info@fia.uk.com)

Company number: 05989140

[Fire Industry Association](#)

You must renew your company's certification every 5 years.

## **Requirements for certified companies**

If your company is certified you must be able to demonstrate that you:

- employ sufficient trained staff to carry out your work
- have procedures in place for the safe handling of F gases and to minimise emissions

You can meet the first requirement by recording the certificate numbers of any F gas qualifications received by your employees.

You can meet the second requirement by developing a written procedure for handling F gases, including the equipment used.

You may be audited by the body that certified you to check you meet these requirements.