

# OFTEC

## Why use an OFTEC registered technician?

Competent Person Schemes were introduced in 2002 and OFTEC was one of the first organisations to operate a scheme. OFTEC manages the assessment and registration of technicians working in the oil heating and cooking sector. To become OFTEC registered, technicians are independently assessed every five years and undergo interim inspections during their registration period. There are over 8,000 persons registered under this scheme and any technician who is registered with OFTEC is considered a 'competent person'.

By using an OFTEC registered technician, you ensure that the work carried out in your home complies with building regulations and industry best practice. It can also help to reduce your costs because OFTEC registered technicians can self-certify their work and so avoid building control inspection fees.

### **Building regulations**

Oil-fired heating and cooking installations must comply with regional Building Regulations. In England and Wales, OFTEC Registered Technicians can self-certify their own work without involving Local Authority Building Control. If you choose to use someone who isn't registered with a 'Competent Person' scheme, you will have to obtain a Building Control Notice and arrange for an inspection, which can be costly and time consuming. You are also unlikely to receive a warranty on the work carried out.

For more information on Competent Person Schemes, visit **www.competentperson.co.uk** 

### Finding an OFTEC Registered Technician

The OFTEC website enables you to locate your nearest Registered Technician by postcode. OFTEC Registered Technicians are appropriately qualified and insured to work in your home. They can also advise you on energy efficiency.

#### **About OFTEC**

OFTEC is the name of the Oil Firing Technical Association. We represent the oil heating and cooking industry in the UK and Republic of Ireland and our work covers two main areas:

- We manage a not-for-profit trade association representing the interests of manufacturers of oil fired boilers, cookers and storage and supply equipment.
- We also run a licensed 'competent persons scheme' for the technicians who install, commission and service oilfired equipment.

For further information on oil heating and cooking, please see **www.oftec.org** 



OFTEC are the leading trade association for the Oil Heating and Cooking Industry.

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# Workmanship Warranty



### **Workmanship Warranty**



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Workmanship Warranty is a scheme designed to give you peace of mind when you have new oil heating and cooking equipment installed. Only members of a competent persons scheme like OFTEC's will provide the warranty and it is one of several important benefits that employing an OFTEC registered technician brings to householders.

The warranty covers any domestic work that is notifiable under England and Wales Building Regulations, which includes:

- Oil boilers, cookers, storage and supply Installations covered by Building Regulation Approved Document J
- Plumbing installations covered by Building Regulations Approved Document G and L
- Installation of ventilation covered by Building Regulation Approved Document F (does not including air conditioning)
- Electrical work covered by Building Regulations Part P

### Real peace of mind

The Workmanship Warranty scheme was introduced by Government and is mandatory in England and Wales, and voluntary in the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. All OFTEC registered installers provide a warranty for their installation work, giving you real peace of mind that work carried out will be insured in the unlikely event that it does not meet Building Regulations and the installer is no longer trading to correct the matter

### Warranty period

The warranty lasts for six years from the date OFTEC receives the job notification and covers the cost of rectifying any contravention of Building Regulations directly attributable to the installation.

Note: The warranty is specifically designed to cover the work carried out. It doesn't include defects that arise as a result of faulty equipment manufacture, which are covered by the manufacturer's own product guarantees or maintenance work.





## Adding value to your home

Workmanship Warranties are fully transferable between owners of a property. Householders can claim up to £10,000 for rectification work if the original OFTEC installer is no longer trading or is no longer available.

If you decide to sell your home, the warranty automatically passes to the new owner for the duration of the warranty period.

In addition to installation issues, the warranty also protects the deposit paid by customers for up to 90 days, to 25% of the contract value (to a maximum of  $\mathfrak{L}10,000$ ), until work commences.

For further information about Workmanship Warranty, please contact OFTEC Insurance Services on Tel **0845 520 1360** or visit online **www.oftecinsuranceservices.co.uk**