

Fire Certificates:

Do I need to apply for a fire certificate?

As well as complying with the fire regulations, some premises also require a fire certificate. A fire certificate is issued under the Fire Precautions Act 1971 (as amended). In addition to the risk assessment for your workplace, it sets out the fire precautionary arrangements of the building

Once a fire certificate has been issued it remains in force and passes to any new owners or occupants of the building.

You should have, or have applied for, a fire certificate if your premises are, or contain:

- A hotel or boarding house which provides sleeping accommodation for more than six people (guests or staff), or if any part of the accommodation is elsewhere than the ground floor
- A factory, office, shop or railway premises where more than 20 people work at any one time, or more than 10 people work anywhere other than the ground floor
- A factory where explosive or highly flammable materials are used or stored

In buildings in multiple occupation, containing two or more premises, a certificate must be sought when the number of employees exceeds the above totals.

If you think your premises require a fire certificate, but are unsure if you have one, check to find out.

Contact the owner, landlord, or previous occupiers who may be able to tell you. For copies of existing fire certificates or if you are in any doubt, contact your nearest [local Fire Safety Department](#) ([link to spreadsheet](#))

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