



BBA Approved Installers Scheme for External Wall Insulation System

British Board of Agreement (BBA) is a leading independent assessment agent and non-profit organisation. The BBA accreditation provides reassurance in the UK construction industry about the high quality of products, services and installers.

The BBA External Wall Insulation scheme is based on the arrangement between the BBA, The Installer and the System manufacturer. The method of installation is the main factor which influences the performance, durability and effectiveness of the insulation system. BBA confirms the installer's skills and compliance with the scheme to reassure the client about the standard of the work. The Scheme requires that Approved Installers can claim the approval when installing the approved products for which they have been assessed. At all times, the Approved installer has to comply with the Building Regulations with regards to the insulation of buildings.

The approval process is divided into four steps:

- Application
- Inspection at the office
- Inspection on site
- Ongoing annual office or/and site assessments to maintain the approval (completed installations as well as sites in progress)

To become an Approved Installer, the applicant has to fill in the BBA Contract, which is available at the BBA website or by calling 01923 665300. The BBA Certificate holder has to provide written confirmation that the installer

can complete the insulation work to the required standards. During the initial assessment, the installer has to prove he has the knowledge of the Technical Requirements, of PAS 2030 for Green Deal Installations and the Green Deal Code of Practice. There will be office and site inspection during the approval process. Site inspection is based on examination of records for incoming projects and checks on the works in progress. To confirm that works are carried out as in the Method Statement, the site will be inspected during three stages: setting out, detailing around openings and finishing. All inspections are subject to the separate fee payable before the site or office visit.

When approved the installer becomes the BBA Approved Installer and is subject to regular assessments by BBA, including annual office checks and site visits. The Approved Installer will be issued with a variation report by the BBA after each visit if any problems occur. The remedial work will be required in the case of noncompliance. The BBA will invoice all Approved Installers for surveillance visits annually in advance. Non-payment of fees by Approved Installers will result in the withdrawal of the Approval. Invoicing for remedial inspections will be made after the visit has taken place.

Why become the BBA Approved Installer?

- When using the BBA approved products the Approved Installer can use the BBA Certification logo.
- Being the BBA Approved demonstrates the competence and professionalism
- The Approved Installer can name himself the BBA Approved Installer
- Customers have the assurance that the BBA Approved Installer will do work to the highest standards
- It is a requirement for SWIGA quality framework registration

The BBA Approved Installer has responsibilities with regards to the full compliance with the technical requirements, the assessment of the building, the health and safety or records, etc.

The assessment of the system installation process includes amongst others: storage and handling of materials, site preparation, health and safety, installation techniques, repair and maintenance of system, risk assessments, assessment of design in terms of condensation risk and reduction of thermal bridging, compliance with Building Regulations,

keeping records of both work completed and in progress, maintaining records of Approved Assessors and Operatives.

The Approved Installer must ensure that the building in which it is intended to install the external wall insulation meets the Technical Requirements before the installation commence. A written assessment report shall document whether or not the building is suitable for the proposed installation and must identify any problems that may adversely affect the installation process or the building after completion of the installation, together with remedial works done. The assessment report form shall be approved by the BBA.

Please note it is only an introduction to the subject, please refer to the BBA for the complete information.

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