

WHAT IS AN EICR?

An Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) is a certificate that details the safety and overall condition of all the electrical installations and fittings in a property.

An EICR follows an in-depth assessment carried out by a qualified electrician.

The electrician tests electrical installations like light fittings, plug sockets, fuse boxes and wiring to make sure they are safe and that there are no risks of electric shocks or fire hazards.



IS EICR A LEGAL REQUIREMENT?

Yes.

Long-term rental properties in Scotland must have an electrical safety inspection **every five years**.

This means that EICRs are a mandatory legal requirement for all Scottish housing associations.

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YOUR SAFETY

**TESTING
ELECTRIC
INSTALLATIONS
AND FITTINGS
IN YOUR HOME**

**WHY WE CARRY
OUT AN EICR
EVERY FIVE
YEARS - AND HOW
TO PREPARE**

WHAT HAPPENS DURING AN EICR?



There are two parts to it.

1. The EICR inspection where fixtures and fittings like light switches, sockets, visible wiring and light fittings are checked.
2. There must also be proof that electrical equipment (PAT) testing has taken place on all appliances provided by the landlord (but not the tenant).



Appliances that were bought by the Association as new less than one year before the test don't need to be tested, but they do need to be listed on the report.

Reports must be kept for six years, and a copy of the most recent report must be given to a tenant before their tenancy begins.

WHAT DO I DO TO PREPARE FOR AN EICR?

The electrician will need access to the electrical fuse box in your home as well as sockets, light switches and light pendants.

To cut down the time the electrician spends in your home, make sure that they can access the fuse box and sockets by clearing or moving any household items or furniture out of their way.

This could mean clearing the cupboard where the fuse box is installed or moving furniture that's in front of a socket or switch away from a wall (if you need help to move heavy items of furniture, call us on **0808 143 2002**).

Doing this means that the electrician can get in and out of your home as quickly as possible.



HOW LONG WILL THE ELECTRICIAN BE IN MY PROPERTY?

This will depend on the condition of the electrical installations in your home but, generally speaking, an EICR takes around 1-3 hours to complete depending on the number of rooms and electrical installations in your home.

Most EICRs are taken care of in one visit and any issues that are found can be fixed at the same time. Follow-up work might be needed in some homes, and we'll arrange a time and date with you if that's the case.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T ALLOW THE ELECTRICIAN ACCESS TO MY HOME TO CARRY OUT AN EICR?



As already mentioned, EICRs are now a **legal requirement for housing associations** in Scotland.

We will write and call you well before your property's EICR renewal date. It's very important that we agree a date and time for the EICR to take place with you.

If you don't allow us access to your home to carry out the EICR, we do have the right to take access.

Taking access is our last resort and not something that we want to do but we must meet our legal requirements and also keep you safe in your home.

Should we take access, door locks will be changed and you will be charged for all of the costs.

QUESTIONS?

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