NAPIT Energy

On Construction Domestic Energy Assessor Scheme

Scheme Background

On the 1st February 2008 NAPIT were formally approved by the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) to operate an Energy Assessor Accreditation Scheme, under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) Regulations 2007.

This leaflet is specific to the NAPIT On Construction Domestic EA Scheme (Note that this scheme does not cover the certification of existing dwellings).

Scope of the Scheme

The Energy Performance of Buildings (Certificates and Inspections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 has a main objective to promote the improvement of the energy performance of buildings in line with European Community Directives.

These regulations require Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) for buildings when they are constructed, sold or let.

EPCs show prospective building owners or tenants, the current energy performance rating of a building and the potential performance if energy efficiency measures were implemented. They must be provided with new houses and are valid for up to 10 years.

This scheme ensures that the person providing the EPC is qualified and competent to do so.

How does it work?

To become an Energy Assessor:

- Energy Assessors (EA) will be able to apply for individual accreditation on the basis of qualifications and prior experience or alternatively could complete a recognised Diploma
- An assessor joining the NAPIT EA Scheme will be required to follow a Code of Conduct and formal procedures which will subject their work to quality control processes
- A member of the NAPIT EA Scheme must hold professional indemnity insurance (minimum £250,000)

Following accreditation:

- Once accredited, an EA will be able to use approved software to convert data (from design or survey information) into appropriate certificates and reports
- Accredited members of NAPIT are entered onto the National Register of Accredited Energy Assessors.
- NAPIT will validate the data submitted electronically before a certificate/report is lodged on a national database

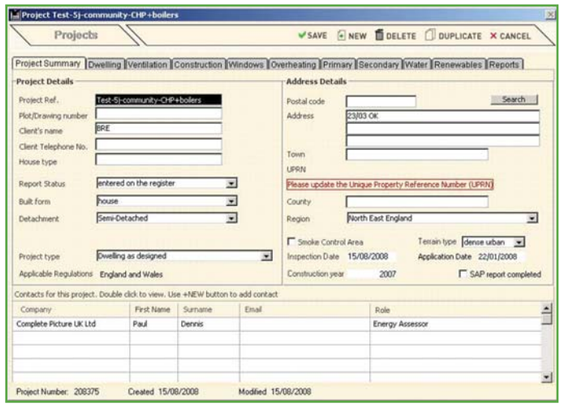
Software

NAPIT are operating the EA Scheme in partnership with Complete Picture, whose SAP software is approved by CLG for use in connection with Building Regulations and EPCs for new dwellings.

The Complete Picture SAP EPC Calculator software is intuitive and self-checking, runs on both PC and MAC formats and has proved highly popular.

See www.buildreg.com for more information.

Please note the inclusion of software fees within the scheme membership, other schemes often present this as two separate charges.



Options for Accreditation

To join NAPIT as an accredited Energy Assessor for on construction domestic buildings you must be able to prove that you are competent. Anyone new to the industry should complete a recognised Diploma (route 2 below).

However, anyone with experience of using SAP or calculating energy performance in line with Part L of the Building Regulations can use the APEL process (route 1 below) to save time and expense and avoid unnecessary training courses.

1 Accreditation of Prior Experience and Learning (APEL)

- Demonstrate two years relevant experience out of the last five working years
- Provide proof of membership of a recognised professional body or complete a professional skills test
- Provide proof of a relevant qualification
- Demonstrate on-going learning (Continuous Professional Development)
- Complete distance learning on the NAPIT Scheme Software
- Complete a multiple choice test to demonstrate knowledge of this sector
- Complete 5 SAP/EPC calculations to demonstrate technical competence

2 Diploma (On Construction Domestic Energy Assessor)

- Provide proof of a relevant Diploma
- Complete distance learning on the NAPIT Scheme Software
- Complete 1 SAP/EPC calculation to demonstrate technical competence

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How to transfer from another scheme?

To switch to the NAPIT EA scheme an applicant would have to:

1. Provide evidence of either the APEL accreditation or diploma qualification held
2. Fill out an application form checking all of the requirements are fulfilled (please note you will only need to pay membership fees)
3. If NAPIT accept your application you will then be asked to complete the online distance learning that covers the use of the software
4. Finally you will be asked to complete 1 SAP/EPC calculation to demonstrate technical competence as part of NAPIT's quality assurance process

How much will it cost?

Fees for Membership	
Annual Membership (including software licenses and updates)	£295.00 + VAT
Certification Fee (per building certificated)	£10.00 + VAT
National Lodgement Fee* (per building certificated)	£1.15 + VAT
Fees for APEL Applicants	
APEL Fee (new users)	£295.00 + VAT
APEL Fee (existing Complete Picture software users)	£195.00 + VAT
Professional Skills Assessment (if not a member of a Professional Body)	£50.00 + VAT

*This is a charge levied on NAPIT by Landmark solutions and will be passed on at cost

Contact Us

To join the NAPIT Energy Assessors Scheme please contact the NAPIT Sales Team at:

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NAPIT Website:
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If you want to discuss the SAP EPC Software for newly constructed dwellings you should contact Complete Picture, their contact details are:

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