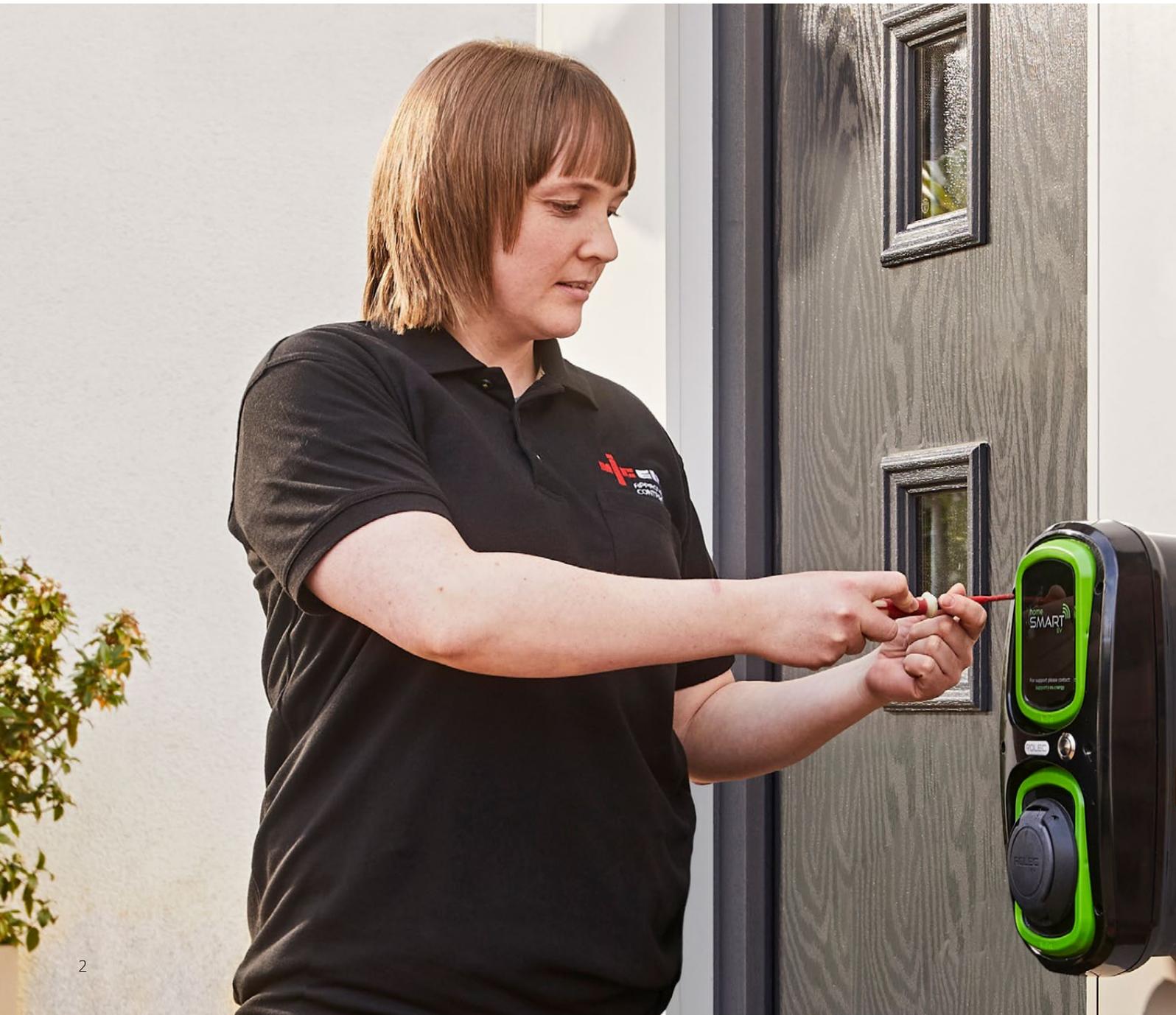
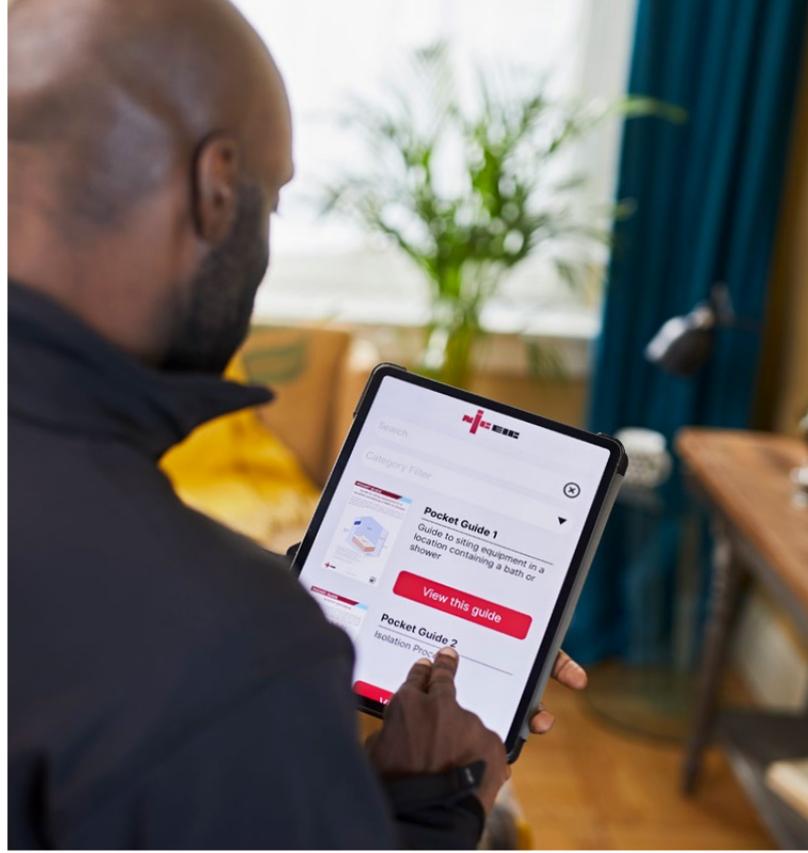


# MCS Approved Contractor scheme guide.

Become technically competent to design, supply and install renewable technologies.



- ➔ How your business can benefit
- ➔ What work the scheme covers
- ➔ How to apply for certification



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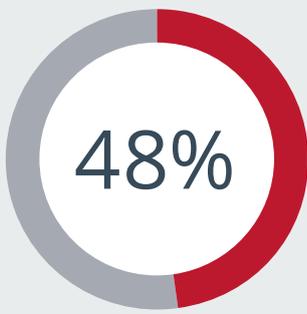
**“No-one has the kudos of NICEIC. I don’t know how anyone can have credibility without the NICEIC seal of approval.”**

Keith Basing, Phoenix ME

# Build your reputation on ours

**NICEIC has been the UK's largest certification body for electrical businesses for almost 70 years, with over 40,000 currently certified with us. As the industry leader, we drive the highest standards of competence and safety.**

NICEIC-certified businesses demonstrate these standards through rigorous assessments and continuing professional development. Once certified, we provide ongoing advice and support, and list your business on our online '[Find a trusted NICEIC tradesperson](#)' register. We help build public trust in trade professionals – and we never compromise on that trust.



**NICEIC-certified businesses completed 48% of all MCS installations in the UK\***

\* percentage correct for 2024.

## Platinum Promise

Our Platinum Promise is protection for your customers. If an NICEIC-certified business carries out work (within their scope of certification) that turns out to be non-compliant – and they have ceased trading – we will step in to rectify the problem. At no extra cost to the customer, we will employ another business to rectify the non-compliant work.

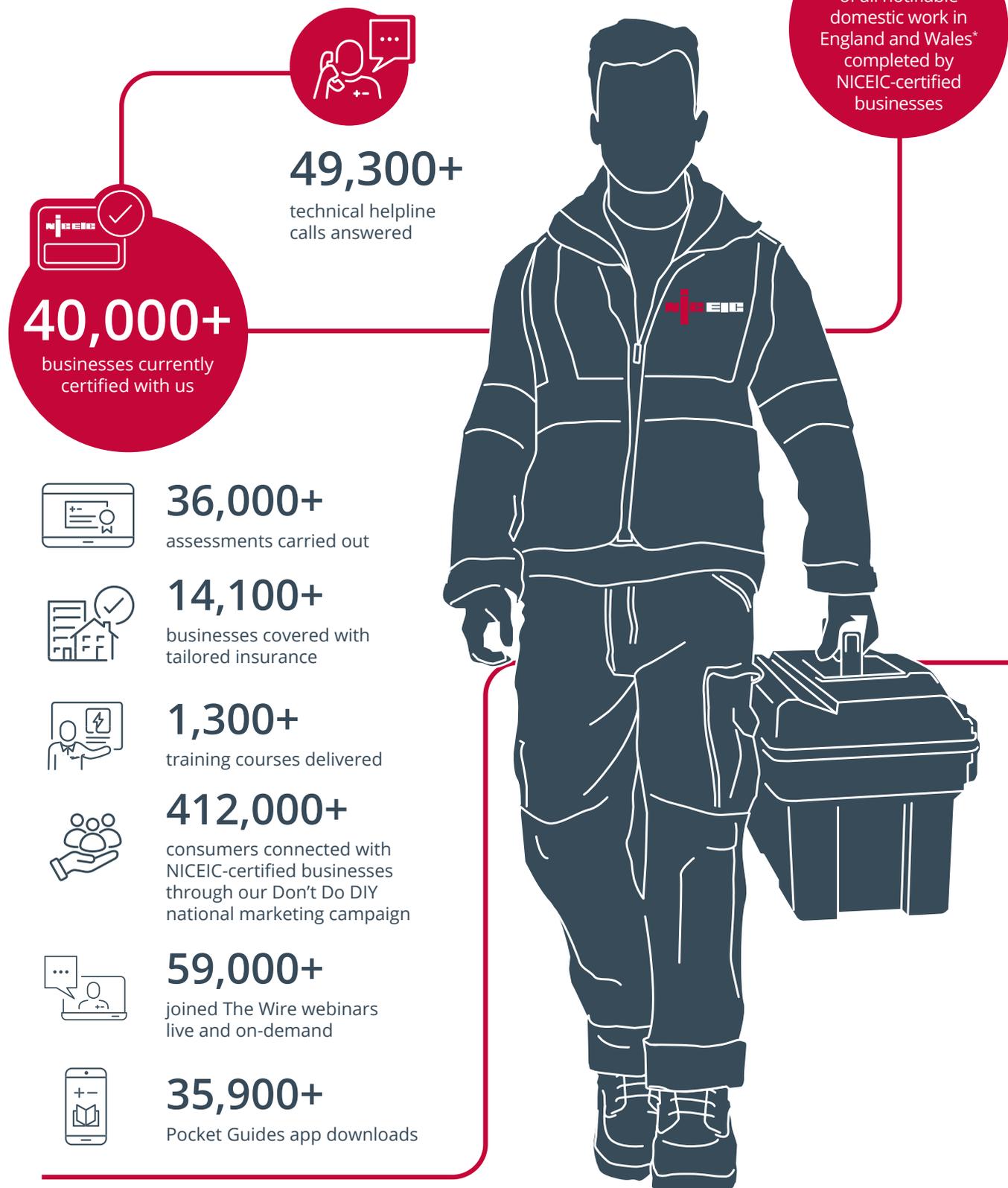
Subject to the Platinum Promise conditions and exclusions.

More information on our Platinum Promise process, conditions and exclusions can be found [here](#).



# Supporting our NICEIC-certified businesses in 2024

## NICEIC in numbers



Figures are correct as of 31 December 2024. \*April-September 2024.

# Benefits you can build your business on

Being an NICEIC-certified business not only gives you credibility and a competitive edge, it also comes with a range of benefits that can save you time and money.

## Giving you access to the industry's best technical minds and resources



**Technical helpline** for expert support with installations, compliance and products.



**NICEIC Pocket Guides app** with 37+ technical guides.



**CPD resources** including The Wire webinars, NICEIC events, quarterly Connections magazine, live Technical Q&As and our monthly Circuit e-newsletter.



**Regular assessments** to help you stay compliant, with guidance and technical advice.



**10% discount on in-person and online training plus qualifications** covering everything from electrical and renewables to emergency lighting and fire alarms.



**NICEIC Online Certification System** saving you time and money by self-certifying your work, and completing and sending certificates and reports.



**Savings** on specialist, tailored trade insurance.



**Discounts** on branded NICEIC workwear and tools in our online shop and 10% off selected purchases at TradePoint.

## Driving demand from customers



**National marketing campaigns** to raise public awareness of the high standards of NICEIC-certified businesses.



**Find a trusted NICEIC tradesperson tool** to receive marketing-qualified leads from consumers and specifiers straight to your inbox. We are connecting thousands of customers with NICEIC-certified businesses every single day.



**Opening up opportunities** with specifiers such as facilities businesses, landlords and housing associations.

## Representing you in the industry



**Communicating your voice** and influencing government and sector bodies through our role on industry committees.



**Shaping future policy and regulations** informed by your feedback.

# MCS Approved Contractor scheme overview

**This scheme guide sets out the requirements your business needs to be recognised by NICEIC as technically competent to design, supply and install renewable technologies.**

The following technologies are included within NICEIC's MCS Approved Contractor scheme:

- solar heating (MIS 3001)
- solar photovoltaic (PV) (MIS 3002)
- heat pumps (air and ground source) (MIS 3005)
- electric energy storage system (EESS) (MIS 3012).

Being a part of the scheme will enable your customers to access government incentives such as:

- Boiler Upgrade Scheme (BUS)
- Home Energy Loan in Scotland
- Smart Export Guarantee (SEG).



# Who is the scheme for?

The NICEIC MCS Approved Contractor scheme is for businesses undertaking the design, supply and installation of renewable technologies.

MCS Standards and scheme documents have been designed with input from product and installer representatives, consumer groups, and technical experts from across industry. These can be accessed [here](#).

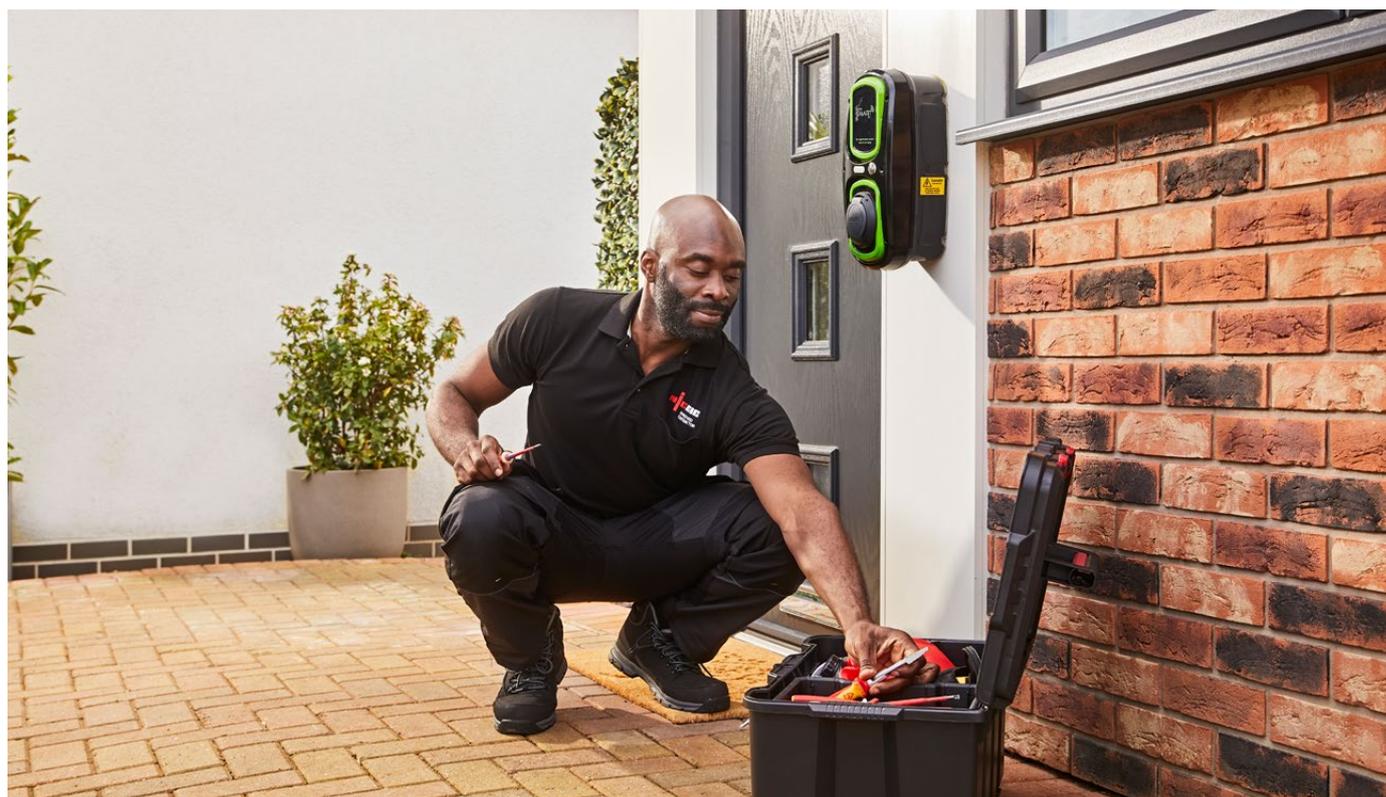
The MCS Approved Contractor scheme will enable your business to register installations on the [MCS Installation Database](#) to raise MCS certificates. These MCS certificates are often required by your customers to access funding.



## Two for the price of one

This scheme and other NICEIC schemes, including the NICEIC Competent Person scheme, can be bundled for no extra cost.

This will allow your business to self-certify work and notify the local building control body through the [NICEIC Online Certification System](#). You will also save time and costs as your NICEIC assessment for both schemes will take place at the same time.



# Let's get you certified

**Applying for NICEIC schemes is a straightforward process. Your business will need to submit an online application form, pay an application fee and undergo an assessment against the requirements of the NICEIC MCS Approved Contractor scheme.**

In your application, you'll need to disclose your contracting address – the place where you carry out and/or manage work included in the scope of certification, and where post can be sent – to meet the requirements of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act.

This must be a physical location. Virtual offices, PO boxes and digital office platforms are not acceptable.

You will need to complete an online application form and submit your application with your relevant insurance documents and Technical Supervisor's qualifications. Your application will not progress if you have not uploaded your insurance and qualifications information.

A fully completed application must be signed by the main contact on behalf of the business for each contracting office that required certification.

Along with your fully completed application form and supporting documents you will be required to pay a non-refundable application fee. Your application will then be reviewed. Once your application has been verified as meeting the requirements of the scheme, we will arrange an assessment.

You are not permitted to use our scheme landmarks until certification has been achieved.



# Your assessment

## Your assessment is a fundamental part of your business certification with NICEIC.

It allows your business to display the NICEIC scheme landmark with pride knowing that your business has met the high standards that people expect from NICEIC-certified businesses.

It is your chance to show that your business:

- has insurances, documentation and records in place to support you and your customers
- carries out work that complies with the relevant industry standards.

It also gives you an opportunity to ask your Assessor any technical questions you might have.

Your NICEIC Assessor will need to meet two key people: your Technical Supervisor and your main contact. In some businesses the same person can fulfil both roles.

Being fully prepared for your assessment is the key to a good outcome. We're here to help you every step of the way. Please review our comprehensive [assessment guide and checklist](#) for more information.



# Certification

Once your assessment is completed by the Assessor, and validated, we'll give you the results. If your business is certified, you will receive a certificate and gain access to the many benefits being a NICEIC-certified business brings (see page 6) or visit our [website](#).

Your business's details will be uploaded to MCS at [mcs-certified.com](https://mcs-certified.com). You will also be able to display the MCS Scheme landmark, to help promote your business and notify completed installations to the Microgeneration Installation Database (MID). Your customers will also now be able to access government funding once you have completed installations on their behalf.

# Once your business is certified

To give assurances to your customers that your business is continuing to comply with the requirements of the relevant scheme rules, your business will require surveillance assessments, normally at annual intervals.

Please refer to our [assessment guide and checklist](#) for more detailed information.



## About NICEIC

For almost 70 years, NICEIC has been the UK's largest certification body for electrical businesses with over 40,000 currently certified with us. As the industry leader, we drive the highest standards of competence and safety.

We assess, certify and train electricians, plumbers, renewable energy installers, and gas and heating engineers. To become certified, businesses must demonstrate their compliance with technical standards and industry best-practice through rigorous assessments and continuing professional development.

Trade professionals look to us for certification and technical leadership, and value the credibility our name gives theirs. We provide ongoing advice and support, and list their businesses on our online 'Find a trusted NICEIC tradesperson' tool.

We help build public trust in trade professionals – and we never compromise on that trust. We work alongside government and industry to shape policy and drive standards. Many UK businesses, government organisations, local authorities and landlords will only work with NICEIC-certified businesses.

The NICEIC brand is owned and managed by Certsure LLP.

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