



Environmental Sustainability - BESCA Accreditation

As part of the Government's initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote sustainability, far-reaching changes have been made to the Building Control Regulations. From 2006 the revised Part L of the Building Regulations came into effect.

It is designed to improve energy efficiency and is relevant to the majority of new or replacement mechanical and electrical equipment being installed in commercial buildings. It significantly widens the range of work that must be notified to local authority building control departments for inspection and approval. Failure to comply with this requirement "could expose the contractor, client or customer to prosecution under the Building Act"

As part of our continuing aim to reduce our impact on the environment and provide our customers with the complete building services solution combined with best practice and advice, we have now become an approved BESCA contractor. BESCA is the HVCA's Competent Persons scheme as approved by the Government and it has been established to cover elements of the Building Regulations that relate to works affecting the energy status of a building. It is particularly relevant to Part L of the Regulations, which is intended to promote the replacement of old, inefficient equipment with modern, energy efficient and environmentally friendly systems.

Our membership of BESCA allows us to design and install such equipment without the need for direct approval by local Building Control. We can then finally certify that this equipment complies with all relevant regulations which will save not only time but money too. The typical cost of submitting full plans or a building notice to local Building Control could be between £200 - £500. Comserve will be able to notify under the approved scheme for £20 per certificate.

If you are currently undertaking or considering any HVCAR works or replacing any equipment that has energy usage or environmental implications and want the peace of mind that it has been carried out by a BESCA approved company, contact us without delay.

Our Design & Build Division can undertake the design and installation of all forms of mechanical and electrical building services equipment from concept to commissioning. We will ensure compliance with not only Part L Regulations but also current and planned legislation affecting building services.