

# OFTEC registration for SIA members



The Stove Industry Association (SIA) and OFTEC have joined forces to offer Association members a preferential deal if they choose OFTEC as their competent person scheme registration provider. OFTEC's initial joining fee of £215 will be waived for SIA members!

**The offer lasts until 31st March 2024**

## **OFTEC solid fuel registration**

OFTEC offers the following scopes of solid fuel registration:

- OFT15-108(D) - installation, commissioning and servicing of solid fuel burning appliances (dry space heating).
- OFT15-108(W) - as OFT15-108(D) but with the addition of hot water heating.
- OFT18-108(S) - for solid fuel technicians who do not install but wish to service, commission or repair solid fuel burning appliances.

## **The benefits of OFTEC registration**

- Free listing on OFTEC's web-based 'find a technician' search.
- Self-certify your installation work in participating regions.
- Free technical support.

- Exclusive use of the OFTEC solid fuel logo on vans, stationery, and other marketing materials.



- Essential technical updates about industry changes, monthly e-newsletter and quarterly magazine.
- Free consumer-friendly information leaflets to help you win quotations and market your business.
- CD/80 solid fuel installation completion report and CD/81 solid fuel commissioning and service report control documents available from OFTEC Direct.
- Low-cost business insurance through Trade Direct Insurance Services.

- Workmanship warranty on work self-certified through the notification scheme (in regions operating building regulation self-certification).
- OFTEC's consumer complaints service helps to mediate on issues or disputes arising between consumers and technicians.
- A reporting system for non-compliant work carried out by non-registered technicians.
- Vehicle fuel card offer and discounted Federation of Small Businesses membership.

### **How much does OFTEC registration cost?**

The annual OFTEC registration fee is £260 for a sole trader, and additional technicians can be added for £100 each (at the time of print). OFTEC's initial joining fee of £215 will be waived for SIA members. All prices exclusive of VAT.

Fees can be paid by card or instalments.

### **Joining requirements**

The qualifications needed to join OFTEC are those mapped to the current minimum technical competencies (MTC) for solid fuel, or NVQ level 3 diploma in plumbing and heating with solid fuel option. If you don't already hold these qualifications, OFTEC courses are available at approved centres throughout the UK and Republic of Ireland. Full details of these can be found online at: [www.oftec.org/technicians/industry-training/training-courses-assessments](http://www.oftec.org/technicians/industry-training/training-courses-assessments).

Technicians with expiring competent persons courses from other providers can

take the OFTEC OFT15-108 personnel certification option but can choose 'assessment only' to avoid the need for retraining.

New registrants will be inspected annually for the first three years.

### **Renewable registration**

For renewable biomass installers, OFTEC offers OFT505 registration covering the installation and commissioning of biomass combustion appliances and systems. This is available under the OFTEC competent person scheme and enables work to be self-certified for building regulations and Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).

### **How to join**

To take advantage of this exclusive £215 saving for SIA members, there are four simple steps to completing your application:

- Go to the OFTEC website ([www.oftec.org/technicians/join-oftec](http://www.oftec.org/technicians/join-oftec)) and review the requirements and the OFTEC rules for registration.
- On your application form in section 1 where it asks how you heard about OFTEC? click 'other' and in the free text box type 'SIA Member'.
- Following your on-site evaluation and subsequent final certification decision OFTEC will re-imburse your joining fee.

If you need any additional information, please call OFTEC's registration team on 01473 626 298 option 1.