



DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
DIRECT BRIGADE ALARM (DBA) TECHNICAL BULLETIN

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DFES advise the following clarifications

SPRINKLER FIT OUTS AND MINOR WORKS

DFES advise that due to uncertainty within the sprinkler industry re the requirement for Independent Certification (3rd Party Certification), the following is now a mandatory requirement with immediate effect.

Where the works only involve any changes effecting five (5) heads or less, then only a Standard Installers Completion Form is required.

This includes the deletion or addition of any heads or relocation of any heads, provided the total sum of heads involves is five (5) or less, then NO Independent Certification is required.

However, where the sum exceeds six (6) heads or more, then Independent Certification (3rd Party Certificate) will be required.

This includes the deletion or addition of six (6) heads or more, the relocation of six (6) heads or more, or a combination of both. Any works involving six (6) heads or more, then a 3rd Party Certificate will be required.

The 3rd Party Certifier will indicate if an updated sprinkler block plan is required, however, DFES reserve the right to request updated sprinkler block plans where the works involve six (6) heads or more

NOTE: Where the works involve the change of classification of any heads (irrespective of number), then an Independent Certification (3rd Party Certificate) will be required.

All contractors are to take note that a DFES C8 form shall be required prior to any sprinkler (including drencher and deluge) works commencing on any DBA connected premises.

The C8 should specify the number of heads involved, this will assist determine the level of compliance required.

DFES conduct random audits on DBA connected premises, so it is incumbent upon the contractor to ensure all information presented on the C8 is correct and accurate.

Further clarification may be sought from DFES re this matter