



Promoting Quality in Fire Safety

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BAFE SP203-1 Competency Scheme Document Version 8.0 Design, Installation, Commissioning, and Maintenance of Fire Detection and Fire Alarm Systems

Version 8.0 of the BAFE SP203-1 Competency Scheme Document was published 21 August 2023 (21/08/2023).

It is important to note that different rules currently apply where organisations are either currently certificated/BAFE Registered or if they are currently in the process of achieving certification/BAFE Registration to this scope. This is explained in *Clause 1: Introduction* of the BAFE SP203-1 Competency Scheme Document Version 8.0.

Changes have been made to the BAFE SP203-1 Competency Scheme with the involvement of the BAFE SP203-1 Monitoring Committee (including all BAFE SP203-1 Licensed Certification Bodies) to ensure that it continues to allow organisations to best demonstrate objective evidence of their competency.

Changes made reflect the current demands of the industry and to help safeguard certificated/Registered Organisations from future changes to the industry.

Summary of Key Changes from Version 7.2 to Version 8.0

- BAFE SP203-1 scope reviewed to clarify focus on works performed on fire detection and fire alarm systems in non-domestic premises to BS 5839-1.
- Additional scope available for works performed on fire detection and fire alarm systems in domestic premises (Grade A systems only) to BS 5839-6.
- Management system procedures and records reviewed to ensure required actions are performed and documented appropriately.
- Management system now has a heightened focus on appropriate behaviours (i.e. following a strong safety culture, always working to scheme requirements).
- Clarification of operational locations and criteria that shall be followed to meet BAFE SP203-1 criteria.
- Introduction of nominated Lead Individual(s) for each module who have overall responsibility for all work(s) and a greater focus on individual/employee competence.
- Clarification of use of sub-contractors to protect end clients (note: this justified the removal of previous annex available "Rules for remote UK islands and crown dependencies where no certificated organisations exist").
- Clarification of certificate issuing.
- Updated Model certificates.

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