



# Spotlight on **standards**

A guide to our technical inspection services



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# Introduction

Our technical inspection service provides assistance to Members, non-Members and their clients alike, dealing with any electrical or electrically-related problems quickly and efficiently.

Our service is UKAS and ISO9001 accredited, with our team of Technical Advisers ensuring that all work continues to meet the required standards.

Such inspections also give Members the chance to seek advice on any technical issues they may be facing.

Our service covers four distinct areas:

- Inspections on request
- Conciliation inspections
- Random assessment of Members
- New membership application assessments.

These areas, and the costs and processes involved with each, are outlined on the following pages.

## Other technical services

Inspections are just one of the many services offered by the experienced technical team at SELECT. Other benefits include:

- **Technical Helpline** – access to our highly regarded helpline is one of the standout benefits of membership, helping to solve problems on-site or heading off potential issues before they arise.
- **Technical updates** – we regularly issue technical circulars containing the latest updates and guidance, and provide access to a comprehensive online technical resource for Members to browse.
- **Toolbox Talks** – held every year at venues across Scotland and online during the COVID-19 pandemic, our ever-popular roadshows focus on current and relevant technical topics.
- **Videos** – we are constantly updating our range of technical update videos, which are available on our YouTube channel and on SELECT TV for Members only.
- **Stationery and certificates** – we provide a range of up-to-date stationery and electrical certification products in paper format or electronically via our SELECTcerts software.
- **Training** – we deliver training courses on a range of technical subjects to Members and non-Members, helping to keep the industry updated with the latest regulations and best practice.

# Types of inspection

## **Inspections on request**

On written request, SELECT will inspect and report on the condition of installations, including any recent additions and/or alterations.

This inspection will be conducted in relation to current relevant regulations and, if required, an approximate valuation of work done can be provided. A charge will be made for these services.

The types of inspection available are:

- A full inspection and report in accordance with the current edition of BS 7671 Requirements for Electrical Installations (IET Wiring Regulations) and/or Building (Scotland) Regulations, so far as reasonably practicable.
- An inspection and report of a specific part of an installation.
- A random inspection and report which would cover the selection of specific areas of an installation as distinct from the whole installation.
- An inspection and report on a full or specific part of an installation – non-electrical, e.g. reinstatement and/or workmanship.
- Confirmation that a contract has progressed to a specific measurement point, e.g. valuations – liquidations.
- An inspection to confirm compliance with the appropriate British Standard or British Standard Code of Practice.

## **Conciliation inspections**

These inspections, which normally follow a customer complaint, are dealt with under SELECT's Code of Practice and, where justified, will not attract any charge.

If, on the other hand, SELECT finds that a complaint is not justified then a charge will be made to the customer. If SELECT finds in favour of a customer then Member firms may be subject to charges.

## **Random assessment of Members**

Members are subject to ongoing periodic technical assessments in accordance with SELECT's criteria for membership.

These assessments will not normally be chargeable but failure on the part of the Member to promptly rectify notified deviations found during inspections will incur charges where further inspections are required. Deviations found during second or subsequent inspections may also incur charges.

SELECT Member firms cannot ordinarily initiate these assessments but can obtain guidance and assistance from SELECT's Director of Technical Services and can utilise the inspection on request described above.

## **New membership application assessments**

All applications for membership of SELECT are subject to the satisfactory outcome of a technical assessment.



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# Costs and conditions

## **Who carries out and supervises inspections?**

Our technical inspection service is monitored by SELECT's Electrotechnical Committee and managed on a daily basis by the Technical Services function.

Inspection staff are qualified electrical engineers to whom duties are allocated in line with their experience and expertise. Safety is paramount at all times and other qualified individuals will accompany the inspectors when necessary.

## **Discretionary conditions**

SELECT reserves the right to withhold the service if it considers action not to be in the best interests of the parties.

The Central Board of SELECT may at any time by resolution revoke or alter any or all of the conditions of the inspection service, but such resolution shall not prejudice the claim of a client in respect of work carried out prior to the passing of the resolution.

## **How much does the service cost?**

The cost of each inspection largely depends on the nature of the service required and the time and expense it takes to provide it.

Chargeable rates are as set by SELECT's Central Board on an annual basis and are subject to change at their discretion. Technical Services can confirm current charges and whether or not they apply to the particular circumstances.

Where charges apply they are based on a daily rate applicable from Monday to Friday. Hourly rates will apply for charges of less than one day and the minimum charge is four hours. Additional charges will be made for travel and other expenses. Weekend services can also be arranged, subject to special charges.

## **How can I find out more?**

For further information, call our team on **0131 445 5577** or email **[technicalhelp@select.org.uk](mailto:technicalhelp@select.org.uk)**





Founded in 1900, SELECT is Scotland's largest construction trade association.

It has nearly 1,250 member businesses who collectively have an annual turnover of around £1 billion and employ over 15,000 people and 3,500 apprentices.

SELECT also delivers training courses to more than 3,500 electricians each year and is committed to regulation of the industry for a safer Scotland.

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