



Driving up **standards**

Our new membership category for electric
vehicle charging equipment installations

CHARGING POINT



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What's changing and why

All SELECT Member businesses are classified and approved in specific work categories that are relevant to the electrotechnical work they undertake.

However, it has become apparent that many Members are now being asked to carry out new types of electrical installation work by customers.

This includes an increasing demand for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment, which is being driven by climate change targets and the rise in popularity of low and zero-emission vehicles.

SELECT has therefore decided to expand its work categories to include this type of work, with the introduction of new classifications and approvals recognising those Members who are competent to undertake EV charge point installations.

From 5 June 2023, three new sub-categories will be introduced specifically for Members who undertake such work and who want to be recognised for their competence.

These categories will **ONLY** be available for SELECT Members currently classified in work category **3.1: Low and Extra-low Voltage Electrical Installations up to 1kV** and will be as follows:

- **3.1a EV charging equipment installations (domestic)**
- **3.1b EV charging equipment installations (commercial)**
- **3.1c EV charging equipment installations (large scale)**

Recognition will only be available to those SELECT Members who satisfy our revised membership criteria, which are available on request. Specific technical requirements must also be in place before classification and approval can be given.

SELECT will also require a signed declaration by your principal representative (PR), together with evidence of your nominated competent person, i.e. Qualified Supervisor, having recent assessed training in both BS 7671 and EV charging equipment installation.

Revised categories of membership

This new development means that from 5 June 2023 onwards, SELECT Members must be classified as being accredited in one or more of the following categories:

- 3.1 Low and extra-low voltage electrical installations up to 1kV
 - 3.1a EV charging equipment installations (domestic)
 - 3.1b EV charging equipment installations (commercial)
 - 3.1c EV charging equipment installations (large scale)
- 3.2 Low voltage electrical installations up to 1kV (defined approval)
- 3.3 Fire detection and fire alarm systems in dwellings only
- 3.4 Fire detection and fire alarm systems in buildings including dwellings
- 3.5 Emergency lighting systems
- 3.6 Manufacture and/or installation of control panels and control systems
- 3.7 Hazardous areas
- 3.8 Security systems
- 3.9 Voice and data systems
- 3.10 In-service inspection and testing of electrical equipment.

SELECT uses this information to help potential customers find Members with the necessary competence to undertake relevant work, i.e. through the [‘Find a Member’ facility on the SELECT website](#).

Other criteria for membership

To achieve and retain membership, a business has to satisfy our membership criteria, adhere to our Code of Practice, and achieve a satisfactory outcome following a technical assessment carried out by our UKAS accredited inspection service. The assessment includes for:

- Competence of employees
- Possession and knowledge of relevant industry and statutory standards, and
- The provision of suitable and adequate numbers of work samples which demonstrate both compliance with industry and statutory standards and good standards of work.

Further information on membership criteria is available from your Membership Representative and in our publication, *Gateway to Membership*, which can be downloaded [from here](#).



Applying for the new classification

Being recognised for your businesses capability to install EV charging equipment is relatively straightforward.

First, complete and return the *Application for Assessment of EV Charging Equipment Installations* form that can be downloaded [here](#) and is also available from The Walled Garden, together with accompanying evidence of the recent assessed training undertaken by your QS.

When this has been received by our technical administration team it will be acknowledged, and classification and approval confirmed following a desktop assessment of the evidence provided.

Classification and approval will then be added to our membership database for your business and will be included as a part of the future periodic technical assessments required for continuing membership of SELECT.

How can I find out more?

For further information, call our Technical Services Administrators on **0131 445 5577** or email them at **technical@select.org.uk**





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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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