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## The Boiler Plus Scheme, What is it?

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) recently introduced a new policy, which will form part of the building regulations. From April 2018, when a gas combination boiler is installed in a domestic property in England, an additional energy efficiency measure will be mandatory.

Because every house is different, this requirement is flexible to allow a suitable choice to be made that reflects the nature of the building and the needs of the household.

The energy saving technologies that can be used to comply are:

- Flue gas heat recovery systems
- Weather compensation
- Load compensation
- Smart controls with automation and optimisation functions



In addition to the above technologies, All gas boilers installed into existing systems in England must have an ErP efficiency of at least 92%

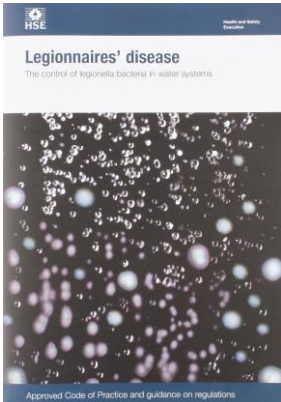
Installers will have to offer their customers the best advice on the energy saving measures detailed above and must be able to install them.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have published the full consultation response, which can be found here

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/heat-in-buildings-the-future-of-heat>

We feel that this is going to have a massive impact within the gas / heating industry, especially when 65% of installers do not have the sufficient experience, or training to install any of the new technologies required.

Walsall Training Centre are looking to link up with leading manufacturers of smart controls, and will be holding future training programmes, on the installation, and wiring of these controls. We will keep you updated with developments, and selected course dates.



## Legionnaire's disease cases on the rise

The latest Government figures indicate that there has been a rise in the reported cases of legionnaire's disease. There were 496 reported cases in 2016, but this rose to 522 cases up to October 2017.

Is Legionnaire's disease now more common than CO poisoning?

According to **Kevin Wellman, CEO of CIPHE**, Legionnaires' disease is now a more common killer:

*"Annual deaths caused by poor plumbing now outnumber those caused by carbon monoxide related incidents, but still there is no formal regulation of those who can call themselves a plumber."*

*"The CIPHE (and our [Safe Water Group](#) in particular) have been concerned about this risk for some time, hence the publication of the [Safe Water Guide: Scald Prevention and Legionella](#), in March 2017."*

*"Those of us in the industry know that Legionnaires' disease is a risk that can be managed effectively by qualified and competent plumbing professionals working to industry standards and Regulations."*

*"We strongly advise that all of those in the industry increase their knowledge on managing Legionella to help reverse this upward trend."*

Walsall Training Centre are fully approved to run the 1 day Legionella / Disinfection course, for more information please call **01922 612121** or email [walsalltraining@btconnect.com](mailto:walsalltraining@btconnect.com)

## Our Supported Charities this Christmas.

The Walsall Training Centre Team are very proud to be supporting 2 worthwhile causes this Christmas.

The first one is the Express and Stars "Feed a Family this Christmas Campaign" We have donated our food and essentials items to the Cannock and District food bank.

Also, we are supporting the Walsall FC Supporters Trust "Christmas Toy Appeal" This will see lots of toys being delivered to the children's ward, and Neo Natal unit at Walsall Manor Hospital.



If you want more information on these charities, and if you can help, please click on the links below:

<https://www.expressandstar.com/news/2017/11/04/feed-a-family-this-christmas-how-you-can-help-our-appeal/>

[http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/n38\\_2017\\_christmas\\_toy\\_and\\_food\\_appeal\\_details.htm](http://www.walsallfctrust.org.uk/n38_2017_christmas_toy_and_food_appeal_details.htm)



Please see below our selected training course dates,  
for early 2018.

**VENTED & UN VENTED HOT WATER:**

19<sup>th</sup> January / 16<sup>th</sup> February / 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**BOILER FAULT FINDING:**

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January / 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March

**LPG CHANGEOVER**

15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March / 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> April

**LEGIONNELLA / DISINFECTION**

16<sup>th</sup> February

**WATER REGULATIONS**

23<sup>rd</sup> February / 13<sup>th</sup> April

**PART P ELECTRICAL**

29<sup>th</sup> January / 12<sup>th</sup> February / 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**17<sup>TH</sup> EDITION REGS**

15<sup>th</sup> January / 26<sup>th</sup> February / 19<sup>th</sup> March

**PAT TESTING**

25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January / 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Please call us for more details, or to book your place

**01922 612121**

All of the training team would like to wish you and your families a Very Happy Christmas.

And a Very Prosperous New Year !!

