

SERVICE UPDATE

<u>Name of Function:</u>	Commissioning
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<u>Title of Update:</u>	Building Standards Verification
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UPDATE:

Appointment of Verifiers

The Building (Scotland) Act 2003 places a duty on Scottish Government to appoint verifiers to administer the relevant parts of the Act relating to approving/refusing building warrants and accepting/rejecting completion certificates. This is separate from the Local Authority's role relating to enforcement and dangerous/defective buildings under the Act.

Since the Act was introduced, Local Authorities have been appointed as verifiers for limited periods of time. The most recent appoint was for 3 years and ends on 30th April 2023. During the appointment period, Verifier performance is continually monitored and audited by Scottish Government to ensure the aims and purpose of the Act are being delivered.

On 7th November 2023, Scottish Government confirmed the reappointment of Aberdeen City Council to continue its verification role for a further period of 6 years until 30th April 2029. In confirming the appointment, the Minister stated:

"I wish to acknowledge the improvements that your building standards service has made. In particular the significant improvement in performance, investment in staff and IT, as well as the steps to understand and improve customer satisfaction. I have noted the engagement of the building standards team in processes for continuous improvement and the wider commitment across the authority."