



SBSH INFORMATION REFERENCE PAPER

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STAS: Terms and Conditions

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Fees and Payments

Acceptance of an application form or offer of a quotation for STAS does not imply or guarantee the award of a Type Approval Certificate. From quotation stage through to confirmation, the STAS Application may be rejected. If, at any stage during the process, an application is rejected by SBSH then STAS Application will be refused.

Once an applicant commits to the process by accepting the quotation then payment must be made and is not conditional on passing or failing. All payments covering the STAS process are non-refundable.

Similarly, if through usage, unforeseen problems arise with the design, or the performance is not as predicted, then SBSH reserves the right to suspend or cancel a STAS Certificate without refunding payments. All fees, including additional specialist reports must be paid before a STAS Certificate is granted. SBSH reserves the right to insist on specialist independent third party reports to validate calculations, engineering and test claims – SBSH also reserves the right to request additional payments for such assessments. SBSH reserves the right to question the appropriateness of a test regime.

Fees for STAS Certification are bespoke to each application and will be based on an agreed factor or on the anticipated assessment time. Fees are available on request.

Duration

A STAS Certificate is issued for an indeterminate period unless, changes in the Building Regulations or Technical Standards may require an early re-evaluation and update: in this instance, renewal fees will be calculated based on the anticipated re-assessment. SBSH retains the right to decide whether, or not, to renew a STAS Certificate. All STAS Certificates are subject to the Terms & Conditions in force on the date of initial registration or renewal by SBSH.

STAS Assessment

The Scottish Type Approval Scheme (STAS) is a Local Authority Building Standards Scotland (LABSS) product that is managed, operated and administered by the Scottish Building Standards Hub (SBSH). Where there is an alternative approach to design, or potentially contentious matter, then the SBSH will consult with LABSS Consortia Technical Working Group, and where appropriate, the Building Standards Division and other agencies such as the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), Scottish Environmental Agency (SEPA), etc..

Use of the SBSH STAS Logo

The LABSS Scottish Type Approval scheme logo that is made available to successful applicants, is the copyright and the intellectual property of LABSS. It can only be used with express consent whilst a STAS Certificate is valid.

It is implicit that, where used, the logo refers only to the product(s) that have achieved STAS Certification, and within the scope of that scheme. SBSH reserves the right to remove the STAS Certificate if this is abused through literature, brochure, banner or website presentation or if the LABSS Scottish Type Approval scheme is brought into doubt or disrepute by a STAS client or their agents.

Consultants and Customers

All applicants must inform SBSH at the outset of the process if they are acting on behalf of a third party and to which organisation the STAS Certificate is to be granted. If early notification is not received, STAS Certification will be issued to the manufacturer or UK distributor/agent.

Monitoring Changes in the Building Regulations

Whilst SBSH will make every effort to monitor changes to the Building Regulations and Technical Standards that are relevant to a Building Type, it is the customer who is responsible for providing amended details to SBSH to demonstrate continued compliance.

Explanation of the SBSH Scottish Type Approval scheme

The decision to grant a STAS Certificate lies solely with SBSH and its decision is final. SBSH reserves the right to cancel STAS Certification without notice. SBSH is not responsible or liable for any costs or expenses incurred by the applicant should STAS Certification be refused or cancelled.

Value Added Tax

VAT will be added to the STAS fee.