



# Gas Membrane Approved Installer Scheme

Surveillance scheme for the installation of gas membranes which have BBA Agrément



## WHAT IS IT?

Gas membrane protection is used where there is a risk of potentially harmful gases entering into buildings. The BBA Gas Membrane Installer Scheme is a surveillance scheme for the installation of sheet gas membranes which have BBA Agrément Certification. Its purpose is to ensure that installation is carried out by competent installers and that the requirements as set out in the installation section of the relevant Agrément Certificate are adhered to.



## WHY IS IT REQUIRED?

There have been concerns regarding the lack of knowledge of installers around the use of Gas Membranes, which could put building users at risk. The BBA scheme was designed to meet the terms of an Agrément Certificate and ensures that installers have the necessary competence to complete installations in line with the details contained in a Certificate.



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The scheme is a tri-party arrangement between the Agrément Certificate holders (the manufacturers of the membranes), the BBA and the Approved Installer.

It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to do due diligence on the potential Approved Installer. Once they have confirmed that the Installer is approved to install their materials, the BBA conducts a 2-part assessment – including both office audits and site competency assessments. The Approved Installers must ensure that their operatives are qualified to NVQ2 level. This will be audited by the BBA.

Failure to use NVQ2 Qualified operatives will result in the scheme certificate being suspended or even withdrawn.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The construction industry is changing – each link in the supply chain is expected to demonstrate competency. Schemes like the Gas Membrane one have been developed to support the best outcomes for quality and safety.

Ensuring that material is installed correctly reduces the likelihood of failure. It potentially saves the time and cost of remedials on site, reducing risk and protecting all parties' reputations for quality.

For Installers, being a scheme member demonstrates they care about quality and safety. It enables the development of skills in the market, reducing the risk of failure. Through the scheme the installer can also offer an insurance-backed guarantee for their projects via QualityMark.

The supply chain has the assurance that the product and installer assessments have been done by a reputable and reliable UKAS accredited certification body.



## OUR HERITAGE

The British Board of Agrément was established in 1966 as the Agrément Board by the UK Government to act as an independent certification body in the Construction and Civil Engineering Industries. Over its history, through extensive product and system research, testing and certification, auditing and inspection, it has built up its reputation for expertise and skill, it has issued more than 6000 certificates and works with more than 70 countries globally.



## WHY WORK WITH THE BBA?

The BBA has been trusted to drive safety and quality by the Construction and Civil Engineering Industries for over 50 years. We are a UKAS accredited Product Certification Body, Testing Laboratory, Inspection Body and Management Systems Certification Body. UKAS is the government appointed National Accreditation Body for the United Kingdom.

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