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**BAFE Fire Extinguisher Service Providers and Technicians continue to be the best in the field.**

The revised SP101 scheme went live on the 1st October this year. The SP101 (Competency of Portable Fire Extinguisher Organisations and Technicians) scheme was reviewed and enhanced to ensure it continues to provide the best assurances to the industry and their customers of what defines a quality provider of fire extinguisher services in today’s market.

The scheme review also updated and strengthened the role of the fire extinguisher technician. A BAFE registered fire extinguisher technician has always been the defining way of verifying that a competent person is working on your premises. This has now been enhanced further by including additional technical competence to the revised sections of BS 5306 (Fire extinguishing installations and equipment on premises) as well as requirements for having training in asbestos awareness and health and safety procedures. The technician competency portfolio used by the BAFE Assessors has also been reviewed, ensuring all technicians who gain the esteemed BAFE Diploma continue to be the best in the industry. So passing the BS 5306 exam, is only the first step in demonstrating understanding of the relevant standards to work competently in the field.

The requirements of this scheme continue to offer peace of mind to people specifying a competent provider that a BAFE SP101 registered company with proficient fire extinguisher technicians is an assured quality decision.

More information about the BAFE SP101 (Competency of Portable Fire Extinguisher Organisations and Technicians) scheme can be found on the BAFE website [www.bafe.org.uk](http://www.bafe.org.uk)

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