**For Option A**

The EWS1 form must be completed by a signatory who would need the expertise to identify the relevant materials within the external wall and attachments, and whether fire resisting cavity barriers and fire stopping have been installed correctly. However, this would not necessarily include the need for expertise in fire engineering. The signatory should be a fully qualified member of a relevant professional body within the construction industry.

The following list are bodies recognised as operating in the built environment. This list is not exhaustive, nor does it constitute an endorsement or approval from RICS, UKF or BSA, and other bodies with relevant expertise may be able to assist. Anybody instructing an EWS1 form must be satisfied that the signatory meets the requirements as described above.

Qualified members of:

* Architects Registration Board (ARB)
* Association of Consultant Approved Inspectors (ACAI)
* Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE)
* Chartered Institute of Architectural Technologists (CIAT)
* Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB)
* Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers (CIBSE)
* Construction Industry Council Approved Inspectors Register (CICAIR)
* Institute of Clerks of Works and Construction Inspectorate (ICWCI)
* Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE)
* Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE)
* Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM)
* Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE)
* Local Authority Building Control (LABC)
* Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA)
* Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)
* Society of Façade Engineers (SFE)

**For Option B**

The signatory would need a higher level of expertise in the assessment of the fire risk presented by external wall materials. For IFE members, this should be a Chartered (CEng) or Incorporated (IEng) Engineer with full membership of the Institution. For non-IFE members, the signatory should be a fully qualified member of a relevant professional body that deals with fire safety in the built environment, with either actual or equivalence to the Chartered or Incorporated Engineer status.

For RICS / CABE / IFE professionals who have completed the RICS EWS Training course, they may sign Option B for residential buildings below 18m which are low or medium risk. For complex or high risk buildings (such as those incorporating a basement car park or high risk commercial premises) an IFE member (CEng / IEng) as above would be required to complete the assessment and sign the form.

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