

Kiwa Watertec ***KUKreg4 testing and certification***

The Kiwa UK
Regulation 4
Product
Approval
Scheme



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Welcome to Kiwa Watertec

Comprehensive testing and certification service for sanitary plumbing products and components

Kiwa Watertec is part of the Kiwa family of companies and is an internationally recognised independent provider of testing, approval and certification services for sanitary, plumbing products & components, including sanitary tapware, toilets, valves, pipe & fittings, water heaters, showers & catering equipment.

Our services are perfect for manufacturers targeting the UK, Europe, and other global markets where the product standards are recognised.

With our highly skilled technicians and state-of-the-art UKAS accredited testing laboratories, we conduct thousands of reliable, controlled product tests around the clock, seven days a week. This ensures market confidence in your products and provides a swift route to market.

We hope you find this information helpful and look forward to working with you in the near future.

The Importance of Water Supply (Water Fitting) Regulations

The Water Supply (Water Fitting) Regulations are essential for public health, safeguarding water supplies and promoting efficient water use within premises across the UK.

These regulations set legal requirements for the design, installation, operation and maintenance of water fittings, systems, and appliances. Their primary aim is to prevent the contamination of drinking water and to avoid misuse, waste, undue consumption and erroneous measurement (Reg 3.(2)).



Applicable Regulations:

England & Wales: The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999

Scotland: The Water Supply (Water Fittings) (Scotland) Byelaws 2014

Northern Ireland: The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

Scope of Application:

These regulations apply to all premises where water is supplied by a water company, from the point of entry into the property (boundary) to its use through plumbing systems or water appliances.

Compliance Responsibility:

Legal duty for compliance falls on all users, owners, or occupiers, as well as anyone installing plumbing equipment, water fittings, and appliances. Water companies are obligated to enforce these laws and inspect new or existing installations to ensure compliance.

Water Regulation 4:

UK Water Regulation 4, part of the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, ensures that all water fittings supplied by a manufacturer meet appropriate quality and standards. Specifically, Regulation 4(1)(a) requires that water fittings be suitable for their intended use and comply with applicable requirements.

This regulation is crucial for maintaining the safety and quality of drinking water in the UK. Kiwa's KUKreg4 allows you to demonstrate compliance with Regulation 4(1)(a), ensuring your products meet the necessary standards.



Kiwa UK Regulation 4 (KUKreg4)

The Kiwa UK Regulation 4 Product Approval Scheme (KUKreg4) was created for manufacturers and distributors of sanitary and plumbing products and components intended for installation in the UK who require their products to be compliant with UK Water Regulation 4.

Developed by Kiwa Watertec, KUKreg4 allows you to demonstrate compliance and is accredited to ISO/IEC 17065. It covers a wide range of products, including sanitary tapware, pipes and fittings, valves, appliances, catering equipment, and WCs, with two conformity attestation levels to suit your business needs.

KUKreg4 provides an alternative to the established way of demonstrating compliance and traditional methods of obtaining approvals and certificates.

All testing is controlled and conducted within the Kiwa laboratories, that are ISO/IEC 17025 accredited by UKAS, RVA, Accredia.

Our experienced team will guide you efficiently through the process and make sure achieving your KUKreg4 certification is a benefit and not a burden for you, your team or your business.

We offer two levels within the Kiwa UK Regulation 4 (KUKreg4) service: Level 3 and Level +1.

Level 3

- Initial testing
- Full re-test after 5 years
- No audits

Level +1

- Initial testing
- Initial manufacturing site factory audit
- Annual audits

For Level +1, there is no re-test after 5 years as certification is maintained through annual audits, provided the product remains unchanged. The annual audit includes establishing and maintaining an internal quality control system, inspecting the manufacturing process, sourced goods and monitoring complaints.

Examples of what is audited include:

Manufacturing Process

Ensuring production methods meet quality standards.

Sourced Goods

Verifying the quality, compliance and traceability of materials used.

Monitoring Complaints

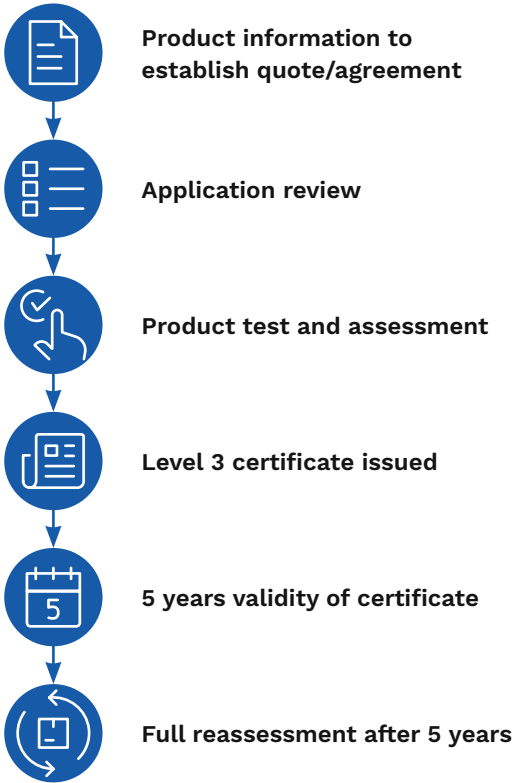
Reviewing customer feedback and addressing issues.

A process you can trust

We understand that navigating the complexities of testing and certification can be challenging, especially for first-time applicants.

At Kiwa, our dedicated team is committed to making this journey as smooth and straightforward as possible. With our expertise and support, you can be confident that achieving your KUKreg4 certification will be a streamlined and beneficial experience for your business. Trust Kiwa to provide a reliable and efficient process that prioritises your needs and ensures compliance with the highest standards.

Level 3



Level +1



"Achieving the Kiwa UK Regulation 4 certification has significantly boosted our product credibility. Our customers trust the quality and compliance of our products more than ever."

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Kiwa Water Regulations Approved Products Directory

Once certified, your product is automatically listed in the online Kiwa Water Regulations Approved Products Directory:
www.kiwa.co.uk/water

This essential tool showcases your credentials and certification status, providing consumers with visible proof of your product's quality and compliance. This listing enhances consumer confidence in your products, making them stand out in the marketplace.



The Kiwa Certification Mark

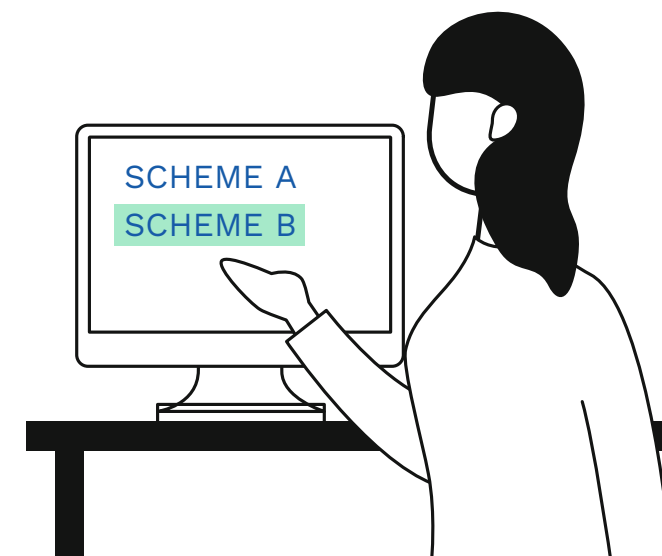
Once Kiwa Watertec completes the certification process, your products are immediately listed on the Kiwa UK Water Regulation 4 approved products list and available to view 24/7. Visit www.kiwa.co.uk/water to see the list.

Promote Your Certified Products:

With certification, you can proudly display the KUKreg4 Mark on product labels and marketing materials, showcasing your compliance with the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations in the UK.

Build Customer Trust:

The KUKreg4 Mark signifies you have achieved independent third-party certification, instilling confidence in your customers and setting your products apart from competitors.



Key advantages of KUKreg4?

Ensuring your products have the necessary certification to meet utility requirements is essential for regulatory acceptance.

Achieving a sought after KUKreg4 Certification Mark and securing an online listing instantly informs your customers that your products have undergone rigorous, independent evaluation by a global TIC company.

This certification not only enhances your market recognition and differentiates your products but also provides ongoing production assessments (Level +1). This means your products are continually re-tested, and guidance is automatically provided, ensuring compliance even as regulations evolve, giving you peace of mind.



Combined Certification

Integrate with other Kiwa certificates for compliance with European standards like EN1111, EN817, EN200, and EN13959.



Independent Evaluation

Show your product has undergone rigorous, independent testing by a global TIC company.



Market Differentiation

Stand out with third-party certified products.



Ongoing Compliance

Maintain compliance with changing regulations through Level +1's annual audits.



Enhanced Visibility

Increase your product's findability by water suppliers, architects, and specifiers via the KUKreg4 database.



Seamless Process

Enjoy a smooth certification process with all decisions made within Kiwa.



Immediate Certification

Benefit from a quick certification decision.



No Hidden Fees

Avoid unexpected external certification costs.



Cross-Referenced Testing

Save time and money by cross-referencing tests with other Kiwa schemes.



Annual Surveillance: For Level +1, maintain certification without a 5-year retest, ideal for large product ranges and combined factory inspections.



Trusted Database

Regularly used by industry professionals as a source for Regulation 4 compliant products.

How does this benefit you as a manufacturer?

Comprehensive Solution:

Get a complete testing and certification package for international product safety.

Wide Acceptance:

Enjoy the acceptance of test reports across the UK and Europe.

Global Reach:

Potential acceptance of test reports by countries outside Water Regulation 4.

Speedy Market Access:

Accelerate your market entry with a streamlined testing and certification process.

Cost Efficiency:

Reduce overall costs and maximise your budget.

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