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## End of year shutdown

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ActivFire® will be close from 21 December 2024 to 3 January 2025. We wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday period.

### Website

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A new ActivFire® website was launched on 1 May 2024. Please make sure you use our new website link- [vs.csiro.au/activfire](https://vs.csiro.au/activfire). On the new website, you will find updates, technical specifications and advisory notes relating to ActivFire®.

## Documents needed for certification and updates

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Just a friendly reminder that in order for ActivFire® to update an existing product certificate or certify a new product, the applicant / registrant is required to complete the relevant forms that can be found [here](#).

To enable a more efficient process, please also include any datasheets, brochures, technical specifications, and evidence of conformity in English.

## Usage of the ActivFire® Scheme Name, Mark and Logo

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There have been several instances over the last year where the ActivFire® Scheme name, mark and logo have been misused, and ActivFire® would like to remind its Registrants about their **responsibilities and contractual requirements** in the usage of ActivFire® Scheme name, mark and logo.

Please refer to the terms and conditions, and the following [advisory note](#).

Please contact [certification@csiro.au](mailto:certification@csiro.au) if you have any questions.

## Standards and Technical Specification Updates

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### General

ActivFire® and CSIRO's Fire System Laboratory are in the process of updating its requirements and processes for the evaluation and certification of several products. Notifications will be provided via Advisory Notes that are published on our website. Please check the ActivFire® website regularly for updates.

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## Standards and Technical Specification Updates

### Smoke alarms

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) has published the public comment draft (PCD) of the NCC 2025. In this update, the NCC 2025 reference document for smoke alarms included the new revision of AS 3786:2023. (See <https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-ncc-referenced-documents>).

ActivFire has published its advisory note for the updates of smoke alarms currently certified to AS 3756:2014 +A1:2015 +A2:2018, see [AN-009](#).

### Fire suppression systems

ActivFire® and CSIRO's Fire System Laboratory has updated its requirements for the certification and re-certification of fire suppression systems which include but not limited to condensed aerosol suppression systems, gaseous suppression systems, and mobile and transportable equipment fire suppression system. The updated requirements include witnessing of the fire suppression test and be updated to the latest revision of the standard.

For some certified suppression systems, re-certification will **not** be provided in 2026, if the system does not meet the latest requirements. We currently have limited availability for witness testing for the remainder of the year.

Please contact [certification@csiro.au](mailto:certification@csiro.au) to discuss the certification and re-certification of fire suppression systems. See [AN-006](#) for mobile and transportable equipment fire suppression systems, [AN-007](#) for condensed aerosol suppression systems, and [AN-008](#) for gaseous suppression systems.

Although ActivFire® and CSIRO's Fire System Laboratory do certify condensed aerosol suppression systems to AS 4487, they do not directly certify the system to AS 5062 (Fire prevention and protection for mobile and transportable equipment.) A new evaluation will have to be conducted to determine conformity.

Future certification requirement updates by ActivFire® and CSIRO's Fire System Laboratory include those for kitchen suppression systems and fire extinguishers.

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## Visits, Conferences, and Tradeshows

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Over the last few weeks, Kai has been busy travelling both internationally and locally visiting clients, witness testing and attending the AFAC Conference and Expo. Kai will be attending witness testing in the next few months.



CSIRO Infrastructure Technologies will be at Hall 2, Booth C36 at Intersec 2025 being held in Dubai, UAE from 14 to 16 January. We look forward to meeting many of our international Registrants and partners at this event.

**Happy  
Holidays**