

JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

General

2025 Revalidation

Advisory Note AN-011 regarding the ActivFire® 2025 revalidation process has been published and can be found [here](#). Please note the key dates and if you have any enquiries regarding the process, please contact certification@csiro.au.

Updated services and fee schedule

ActivFire® has also published its updated schedule of services and fees which will come into effect from 1 February 2025. You can find the updated schedule of services and fees [here](#). Please note that the fees do not include any additional activity needed for establishing evidence of conformity of the product by CSIRO's Fire Systems Laboratory.

Documents needed for certification and updates

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

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 if you have any questions.

Contact and product updates

This is a reminder that it is the Registrant's responsibility to inform ActivFire® of any updates in relation to the product or the contacts involved in the certification process and maintaining the certification. Not informing ActivFire® can lead to the product being deemed a non-conformance.

Vacancies

CSIRO Infrastructure Technologies is Hiring!

We are on the lookout for talented individuals to fill two pivotal roles:

1. Verification Services Certification Officer – <https://jobs.csiro.au/job-invite/98939/>
2. Fire Systems Testing Officer – <https://jobs.csiro.au/job-invite/98940/>

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Standards and Technical Specification Updates

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.

Recently published and updated advisory notes include the following:

1. Advisory Note [AN-011](#) - 2025 Revalidation Process
2. Advisory Note [AN-016](#) - Use of ActivFire Name and Image Set
3. Advisory Note [AN-017](#) - Testing and Certification of Class A Valve Monitor to AS 4118.1.4 – 1994

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](#).

Updates to certification requirements

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 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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Updates to certification requirements

AS 1074 steel pipes

From 1 March 2024, ActivFire® has required that new certification of AS 1074 steel pipes to be evaluated for conformity by CSIRO's Fire Systems Laboratory to the relevant requirements of Section 2 of AS 1074:1989. More information can be found in the Advisory Note AN-003.

ActivFire® intends to begin auditing of the primary manufacturing units of AS 1074 steel pipes from the second half of 2025.

Flexible tubes

From 1 March 2024, ActivFire® has required that new certification of flexible tube assemblies be evaluated for conformity to the relevant requirements of Clause 7.6 of AS 2118:2017 + A1:2017 + A2:2020 + A3:2024. ActivFire® also required all current certified flexible tube products to meet the requirements before 30 April 2025. More information can be found in the Advisory Note [AN-015](#).

Visits, Conferences, and Tradeshows

This month, CSIRO Infrastructure Technologies attended Intersec 2025 (14-16 January) in Dubai, UAE. We had the opportunity to meet and catch up with many amazing individuals from various organizations in the fire protection industry, including existing clients, international testing and approval bodies, and potential clients. We look forward to attending again next year and reconnecting with everyone.

CSIRO Infrastructure Technologies should be attending this year's Fire Australia Industry Event in Sydney between 13-15 May 2025 hosted by Fire Protection Association of Australia.



We would like to also wish everyone who celebrates the Lunar New Year a Healthy, Prosperous, and Happy New Year for the year of the Snake.

