

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

General

2025 Revalidation

All Registrants of ActivFire certified products have received a Confirmation of Service Request (CoSR) related to revalidation of existing certification. If you have not received a CoSR but are expecting to, please contact us at certification@csiro.au.

Many Certificates of Conformity (CoCs) have now been revalidated through to 30 April 2026. As we require a minimum of three weeks to revalidate your CoCs, the last day to submit your signed CoSR is 14 April 2025 to meet the 30 April 2025 dateline to ensure revalidation for the coming year.

Please note that the Executive Officer of ActivFire® will be on leave from 18 April 2025 to 5 May 2025.

Documents needed for certification and updates

Just a friendly reminder that for ActivFire® to update an existing product certificate or to certify a new product, the Applicant/Registrant is required to complete the relevant forms published on the [ActivFire website](#).

To enable a more efficient process, please include any datasheets, brochures, technical specifications, and evidence of conformity in English when the forms are returned.

Usage of the ActivFire® Scheme Name, Mark and Logo

Several instances of misuse of the ActivFire® Scheme name, mark and logo were identified in the past year. 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](#).



If you have any questions about correct and authorised use of Scheme identification, please contact certification@csiro.au.

Contact and product updates

Please note that it remains a Registrant's responsibility to promptly inform ActivFire® of any updates and changes relating to a certified product, or to the business entities and related contacts involved in the certification process and maintenance of certification. A product may be deemed to be non-conforming if this process is not followed, as detailed in the Scheme rules.

Changes to the legal entity of the Registrant must be registered with ActivFire®, with processing fees in accordance with Item 3 of ActivFire® Scheme Schedule of Services and Fees document ([AF-F003](#)). Please ensure that appropriate documentation is provided confirming the details of the entity change, such as sale of the business entity.

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Standards and Technical Specification Updates

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

Recently published and updated advisory notes and technical specification include the following:

1. Advisory Note [AN-006](#) – Testing and Certification of Fire Suppression Systems for Mobile and Transportable Equipment
2. Advisory Note [AN-017](#) – Testing and Certification of Class A Valve Monitor to AS 4118.1.4 – 1994
3. CSIRO Technical Specification [TS-014](#) – Evaluation of Conformity of Fire Suppression Systems for Mobile and Transportable Equipment
4. CSIRO Technical Specification [TS-021](#) – Evaluation of Conformity of Valve Monitors for Mounting on Stop Valves

Smoke alarms

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) has published the public comment draft (PCD) of a revised NCC planned for publication in 2025. In this update, the reference document for smoke alarms is AS 3786:2023 (refer to <https://www.abcb.gov.au/pcd/pcd-2025-ncc-referenced-documents>).

ActivFire has published Advisory Note [AN-009](#) which describes the process required to update certifications related to smoke alarms currently certified to AS 3786:2014 +A1:2015 +A2:2018.

Updates to certification requirements

Fire suppression systems

ActivFire® and CSIRO's Fire System Laboratory have published updated requirements for the (re)certification of fire suppression systems. This includes, but is 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 the review of reports to the latest revision of the standard.

In some circumstances, suppression systems certified to historic and/or outdated criteria will not be recertified in 2026 where the system does not meet the latest requirements – refer to [AN-006](#) for mobile and transportable equipment fire suppression systems, [AN-007](#) for condensed aerosol suppression systems, and [AN-008](#) for gaseous suppression systems.

While ActivFire® does certify condensed aerosol suppression systems to AS 4487, this does not provide a direct path to certification to AS 5062 (Fire prevention and protection for mobile and transportable equipment.); an additional and specific evaluation taking into account the specific application is required prior to certification.

From January 2025, certification of new, and re-certification of existing, kitchen suppression systems and portable fire extinguishers will require evaluation and verification by ActivFire® and CSIRO's Fire System Laboratory, including the review of external reports and witnessing of relevant fire suppression tests.

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Updates to certification requirements

AS 1074 steel pipes

As of 1 March 2024, ActivFire® has required that new certifications of steel pipes to AS 1074 undergo an evaluation for conformity by CSIRO's Fire Systems Laboratory to the relevant requirements of Section 2 of AS 1074:1989. Additional information can be found in the Advisory Note [AN-003](#).

ActivFire® will commence auditing of the primary manufacturing units of AS 1074 steel pipes in the second half of 2025. Further information will be provided in ActivFire® Advisory Notes, Technical Specifications and Newsletters.

Flexible tubes

As of 1 March 2024, ActivFire® has required that new certifications of flexible tube assemblies undergo an evaluation for conformity to the relevant requirements of Clause 7.6 of AS 2118:2017 +A1:2017 +A2:2020 +A3:2024. ActivFire® requires that all currently certified flexible tube products meet these updated requirements prior to 30 April 2025. Additional information can be found in Advisory Note [AN-015](#).

Visits, Conferences, and Tradeshows

CSIRO Infrastructure Technologies will be attending Fire Protection Association of Australia's Fire Australia conference and exhibition at the ICC in Sydney between 13-15 May 2025. Please drop by and say hello at Stand 405A.



We would also like to wish everyone who celebrates Eid al-Fitr, Eid Mubarak, and those that celebrate Easter, Happy Easter!