

# Competency for Fire Risk Assessors – Moving on to the Future?



What will be the three main words that you will hear coming out of DJH's Review?



Here's my Prediction!

Competence

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# So! What makes you competent as a fire risk assessor?



- I have been to the fire service college Moreton in Marsh
- I have been in the fire service for over 30 years so I am competent
- There's no regulation for it, so don't need it
- I have done over 4000 fire risk assessments (that's about 1 every day of a 5 day week since the FSO was enacted!)
- I have attended an IOSH/Colin Todd/Vulcan etc course for fire risk assessors
- I am one the UKs leading experts in fire safety



# So! What makes you competent as a fire risk assessor?



- I haven't got pots of money or time and don't need to put myself through any third party accreditation
- I have loads of work anyway so there's no pressure for me to get a qualification
- I've done a course
- Our assessors are former local authority fire inspectors so they are expertly equipped
- Our fire risk assessment is PAS (British Standard) compliant
- All our assessors are NEBOSH trained and the documents produced are to the recognised PAS 79 standards



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So what does the future hold?  
What's in my crystal ball?



# What's Happening?

## Industry Response Group (IRG) on Competences for Building a Safer Future

### 14 Working groups

WG4 – Fire Risk Assessors

WG 8 Building Safety Managers





# IRG - Timetable to Deliver

1

- Started on current phase May 2018

2

- Final report completed by March 2019

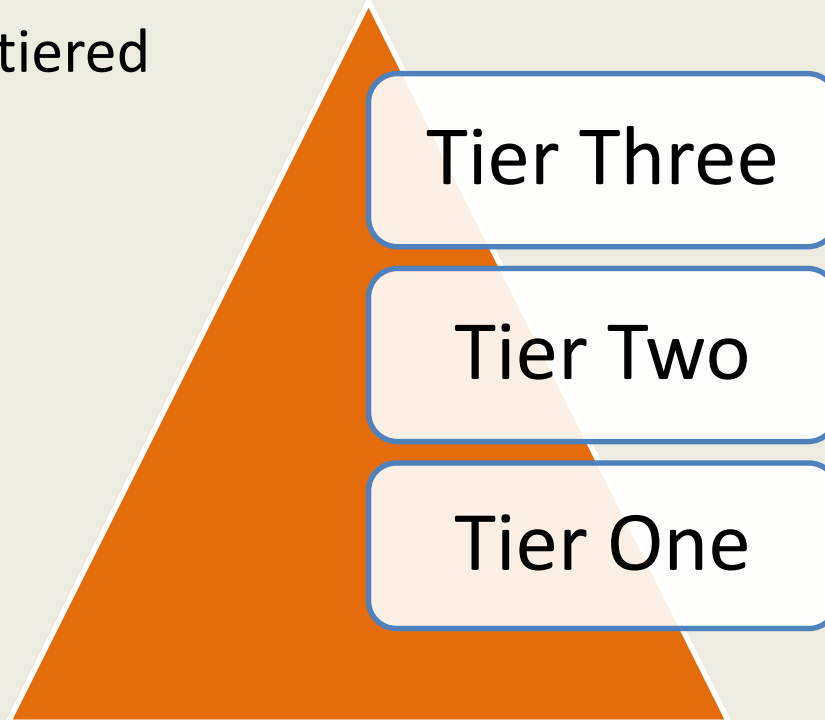
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- Proposal to Government April 2019



# What do I predict?

- One National Fire Risk Assessors Register
- The register to be tiered



## Who's in the Tiers?

- **Tier One** - young professionals coming into fire risk assessment work - qualified to carry out FRAs on small less complex buildings
- **Tier Two** – fire risk assessors who have been through a process of scrutiny accreditation which qualifies them to carry out FRAs in more complex buildings
- **Tier Three** – fire risk assessors who have been through a process of UKAS approved third party accreditation/ certification which qualifies them to carry out FRAs in complex and high risk buildings (including those with specialisms)



# Third Party Certification of Competency National Register



The Institute of Fire Safety Managers (IFSM) is the only professional body to date that keeps a publicly accessible register for accredited/certified competent fire risk assessors called the Nationally Accredited Fire Risk Assessors Register (NAFRAR).

[www.ifsm.org.uk](http://www.ifsm.org.uk)

**Would it not be better if the three existing registers combined into one, tiered the registrants according to their competency levels so that duty holders would not be confused and have confidence in the abilities of who they were choosing?**



# Questions?

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