

## **Fire Service Installation and Equipment**

- Supervisors and heads of schools are requested to note that pursuant to Regulation 8 of the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 95B), the owner of any fire service installation or equipment which is installed in any premises shall-
  - (a) keep such fire service installation or equipment in efficient working order at all times; and
  - (b) have such fire service installation or equipment inspected by a registered contractor at least once in every 12 months.
  
- Regulation 9 of the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap.95B) also stipulates that whenever a registered contractor installs, maintains, repairs or inspects any fire service installation or equipment in any premises, he shall within 14 days after completion of the work issue to the person on whose instructions the work was undertaken a certificate and forward a copy thereof to the Director of Fire Services. The updated list of Fire Service Installation Contractors approved by the Director of Fire Services can be downloaded from the homepage of the Fire Services Department at <http://www.hkfsd.gov.hk/home/eng/cert.html>.
  
- In addition, Regulation 39(1) of the Education Regulations (Cap.279A) requires the head of every school to ensure that all fire service installation or equipment in the school premises is kept in good condition at all times.
  
- According to Section 2 of the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95), ‘fire service installation or equipment’ means any installation or equipment manufactured, used or designed to be used for the purposes of -
  - (a) extinguishing, attacking, preventing or limiting a fire;
  - (b) giving warning of a fire;
  - (c) providing access to any premises or place for the purpose of extinguishing, attacking, preventing or limiting a fire;
  - (d) facilitating the evacuation from any premises in case of fire; and
  - (e) providing a stand-by power supply to an installation or equipment the purposes of which are mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) in the event of the loss of normal power supply.
  
- Supervisors and heads of estate schools should approach the Housing Department to arrange fire service annual inspection if they so wish; otherwise they have to arrange a registered contractor to carry out the work.