



UKCA Markings

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What is the UKCA marking?

The UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) marking is the new product certification system used for products being placed on the market in Great Britain.

The UKCA marking applies to most products for which the CE marking could be used, as well as to aerosol products that required the reversed epsilon marking. Businesses must use the UKCA marking if they manufacture or handle products in the following areas:

- Toys
- Pyrotechnics
- Recreational and personal watercraft
- Simple pressure vessels
- Electromagnetic compatibility
- Non-automatic weighing instruments
- Measuring instruments
- Measuring container bottles
- Lifts
- Equipment for potentially explosive atmospheres (UKEX)
- Radio equipment
- Pressure equipment
- Personal protective equipment
- Gas appliances
- Machinery
- Equipment for use outdoors
- Ecodesign
- Aerosols
- Low voltage electrical equipment

The technical requirements – otherwise known as ‘essential requirements’ – that businesses must meet for the UKCA marking depend on the [product specific legislation](#) for the product that they are manufacturing or handling. Conformity can also be achieved by using [designated standards](#), which the UK introduced as a replacement for EU harmonised standards.

Where can the UKCA marking be used?

The UKCA marking is only for products being placed on the market in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Businesses placing products [on the market in Northern Ireland](#) cannot use the UKCA marking. EU conformity markings, such as the CE marking or Pi mark for Transportable Pressure Equipment, continue to be used to show that goods meet EU standards. UK bodies carrying out mandatory third-party conformity assessments will also need to apply for [UKNI marking](#), though this can never be applied on its own and must always accompany an EU conformity marking.

The UKCA marking is not recognised in the EU. Products being placed on the market in the EU will require a [CE marking](#) or another EU-recognised marking.

When does the UKCA marking come into effect?

The UKCA marking system has been in place since 1st January 2021. The Government intends to introduce legislation which sets out that products placed on the market in Great Britain with a CE marking before 11pm on 31st December 2024 will not need to be remarked or recertified to UKCA requirements in most cases.

Businesses can continue to use the CE marking and reversed epsilon marking in Great Britain until 31st December 2024.

Rules differ for medical devices, construction products, cableways, transportable pressure equipment, unmanned aircraft systems, rail products, and marine equipment.

How can businesses apply for the UKCA marking?

There are two routes through which a business can [obtain the UKCA marking](#) for their product: self-declaration conformity assessments or third-party conformity assessments. Typically, more 'high risk' products may require a third-party conformity assessment.

Those that self-declare for the CE marking will still be able to self-declare for the UKCA marking, and those that require a mandatory third-party conformity assessment for CE marked products will continue to do so for UKCA marked products.

Businesses should always consult sector-specific legislation regarding conformity assessments to confirm which procedure must be followed.

Costs for obtaining a UKCA marking and undertaking the relevant conformity assessments vary widely on a case-by-case basis, and businesses should contact UKCA specialists for more guidance.

How is the UKCA marking used?

In most cases, the UKCA marking must be applied to either the product or its packaging. The marking must be clearly visible, legible and indelible when fixed to the product. The rules on affixing the UKCA marking are the same as for affixing the CE marking, though the Government intends to introduce legislation to extend the period for which the UKCA marking can be affixed on a sticky label or accompanying document.

The UKCA marking must only be placed on a product by the manufacturer, their authorised representative, or by businesses marketing the product under their name or trademark.

How can the Chambers of Commerce help?

The Chambers of Commerce are working hard to inform and update local firms on the latest Brexit-related developments. Alongside briefing papers and social media videos, the three Chambers are also hosting a range of Brexit events over the next six months.

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