

# News Release

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# FENSA

## FENSA urges installers to vote against Government Tax rules that reduces workers pay

FENSA is urging its 9000 plus installation companies to sign up to a Downing Street Petition to challenge the Government's latest proposal which changes the law around taxation rules for self employed construction workers, that would reduce workers' take home pay because taxes would be increased.

The Government consultation document means that construction workers will no longer be seen as 'self-employed' but instead, will be 'deemed' employed for tax purposes. They will be required to pay PAYE and National Insurance contributions, and will not have 'employed' status. Currently, the consultation document does not apply to other categories of worker such as barristers, IT consultants or journalists.

As Jon Vanstone, Director of Registered Businesses said, 'With FENSA registered businesses representing over 90% of the replacement glazing industry, together as an industry, we can use the real power of our collective voices to sign challenge this tax threat. FENSA has already frozen all its prices for the eighth consecutive year in recognition of both existing and new installers. You can also help yourself by signing the petition. To find out more about the campaign, please visit the official website at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/newcisworkerlaws/>.'

To order a duplicate FENSA certificate to insert into your home information pack, or to find your nearest FENSA registered business to install new replacement windows and doors, please go to [www.fensa.org.uk](http://www.fensa.org.uk) or telephone 020 7645 3700.

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### Further Information:

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- FENSA stands for the Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme. It has been set up by the Glass and Glazing Federation (GGF) and other industry bodies as a Competent Persons Scheme for the installation of replacement windows and doors.
- FENSA works closely with and supports the work of the BFRC: British Fenestration Rating Council.
- FENSA is the widely trusted, Government-authorized scheme which enables companies that install replacement windows and doors to self-certify compliance under the Building Regulations.
- FENSA Registered Businesses undertake over 90% of installations within England and Wales.
- FENSA has over 9000 Registered Businesses.
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- FENSA Registered Businesses need to meet certain eligibility criteria which include:
  - Making a commitment to comply with all laws statutory regulations and Building Regulations in force.
  - Providing the consumer with a warranty or guarantee conforming to the requirements laid down by FENSA from time to time and covering the cost of completing rectification work in respect of defect
  - "Offering" an independent insurance policy conforming to requirements laid down from time to time by FENSA to customers to cover their guarantee should they for whatever reason cease to trade. In addition where deposits are taken it is a compulsory requirement that indemnity insurance is put in place at the time that the deposit is taken from the consumer.
  - Making a commitment to comply with statutory health and safety, and waste disposal requirements.
  - Maintaining adequate employer's liability and public liability insurance

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