



Security Systems: British Standards and NSI Codes of Practice

Approval by NSI requires audits against industry recognised British Standards and/or Codes of Practice. Before audits for approval can take place, companies should ensure they have access to and are working in accordance to the appropriate standard(s) – see list below.

Note: This document does not list all the standards and codes of practice that must be complied with in order to meet the rules of the NACOSS Gold and Systems Silver approval schemes (for example see PD 6662).

| 1. All Systems - Mandatory to hold | |
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| BS 7858:2019 | Code of Practice for the Security Screening of Personnel employed in a Security Environment |
| 2. All Systems - Optional to hold | |
| BS 7671:2018 | Requirement for Electrical Installations (IET Wiring Regulations) – 18th edition OR the IET On Site Guide |
| 3. Intruder and Hold-up Alarm Systems - Mandatory to hold | |
| PD 6662:2017 | Scheme for the Application of European Standards for Intrusion and Hold-up Alarm Systems |
| Note: The PD 6662 Scheme provides for Intruder and Hold-up Systems with wired and/or wire-free interconnections | |
| BS EN 50131-1:2006 + A3:2020 | Alarm Systems – Intrusion and Hold-up Systems – Part 1: System Requirements |
| DD CLC/TS 50131-7:2010 | Alarm systems – Intrusion and Hold-up Systems – Part 7: Application Guidelines |
| BS 8243:2010 + A1:2014 | Code of Practice for the Installation and Configuration of Intruder and Hold-up Alarm Systems designed to generate confirmed alarm conditions |
| BS 8473:2018 | Code of Practice for Intruder and Hold-up Alarm Systems. Management of false alarms |
| BS 9263:2016 | Code of Practice for Intruder and Hold-up Alarm Systems – Commissioning, Maintenance and Remote Support |
| 4. Intruder and Hold-up Alarm Systems - Optional to hold | |
| BS EN 50131-5-3:2017 | Alarm Systems – Intrusion Systems - Requirements for interconnections equipment using radio frequency techniques |
| BS EN 50131-8:2019 | Alarm Systems – Intrusion and Hold-up Systems – Security fog devices |

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| BS EN 50136-1:2012 | Alarm Systems – Alarm Transmission Systems and Equipment – Part 1: General requirements for alarm transmission systems |
| BS 4737:Section 4.3:1988 | Code of Practice for Exterior Alarm Systems |
| 5. CCTV Systems (NCP 104) - Mandatory to hold | |
| NCP 104 Issue 3 | NSI Code of Practice for the Design, Installation and Maintenance of CCTV Systems |
| BS EN 62676-4:2015 | Video Surveillance Systems for use in Security Applications. Application Guidelines |
| 6. CCTV Systems (BS 8418 Detector Activated) – Optional depending on scope of approval | |
| BS 8418:2015 + A1:2017 | Code of Practice for the Installation and Remote Monitoring of Detector Activated CCTV Systems |
| BS 7958:2015 | Code of Practice for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) – Management and Operation |
| BS EN 62676-4:2015 | Video Surveillance Systems for use in Security Applications. Application Guidelines |
| 7. CCTV Systems – Guidance documents | |
| Home Office | Surveillance Camera Code of Practice - July 2013 (available from www.gov.uk) |
| Home Office | Surveillance camera commissioner's buyers' toolkit – May 2018 (available from www.gov.uk) |
| Information Commissioner's Office | In the picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information (available from ico.org.uk) |
| 8. Access Control Systems – Mandatory to hold | |
| NCP 109 Issue 2 or Issue 3 | NCP 109 Issue 2 NSI Code of Practice the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Access Control Systems or NCP 109 Issue 3 NSI Code of Practice the Design, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Access Control Systems |
| 9. Scaffolding Alarm Systems – Optional depending on scope of approval | |
| NCP 115 Issue 1 | NSI Code of Practice for the Design, Installation and Maintenance of Scaffolding Alarm Systems |
| 10. NSI NACOSS Gold Approval | |
| In addition to the above industry standards and codes of practice, the following will be required: | |
| BS EN ISO 9001:2015 | Quality Management Systems. Requirements |

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11. NSI Quality Schedule

This document gives guidance on the application of ISO 9001 and can be found on the NSI website.

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NACOSS Gold Scheme

12. Purchasing BSI standards

BSI Standards on Subscription Service provides electronic access to British Standards related to NSI Approval Schemes. This 'view' only access provides preferential rates when compared with purchasing individual standards or hard copies (please see the '[Terms and Conditions](#)' on the NSI Standards request form). This service is available to all NSI Approved Companies and Applicants who are in the process of applying for NSI Approval and meet the criteria. For further information, or to subscribe, please go to '[Access to Standards](#)'. Alternatively, email us on: accounts@nsi.org.uk

13. Access to NSI Codes of practice

NSI Codes of Practice and other documents are available:

- from the Application Download Zone's [NACOSS Gold](#) and [Systems Silver](#) 'How To Apply' pages on the NSI website;
- from the secure log-in area for NSI Approved companies on the NSI website; or
- by emailing nsi@nsi.org.uk and requesting an electronic copy.

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