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Non-standardised: a system or product for which there is no applicable South African Bureau of Standards code of practice or standard.

Active Certificates: The subject of active certificates may or may not be in production. However, post-certification quality monitoring is conducted by or on behalf of Agrément South Africa at regular intervals.

Inactive Certificates: Certificates are generally listed as inactive at the request of the certificate holder (often because market conditions or other circumstances are unfavourable, but he nevertheless wishes to retain the certificate until such time as circumstances change). Agrément South Africa does not conduct regular post-certification monitoring of the certificate holder's implementation of his quality system. In order to claim compliance with his certificate, the certificate holder is required to request Agrément South Africa to transfer his certificate to the 'Active' list which will be done on completion of a satisfactory review of his quality system and the certificate.

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Agrément South Africa is an independent organisation that evaluates the fitness for purpose of non-standardised building and construction products and systems by applying [performance-based criteria](#) in its [assessment procedure](#).

Where a system or product is assessed to be fit for purpose, the Board of Agrément South Africa grants it a certificate.

These certificates are technical documents that:

- describe the system or product;
- summarise the assessed performance;
- list the uses for which the subject of the certificate has been assessed to be fit
- give the conditions and requirements that must be met if the assessed performance is to be attained;
- state which regulations are deemed to be satisfied by the subject of the certificate.

As far as building systems are concerned, the following aspects are assessed:

- structural strength and stability
- behaviour in fire
- water penetration
- thermal performance
- durability and the maintenance required
- the likelihood of condensation forming on the inside of the building
- acoustic performance
- the applicant's quality system.

In the case of products such as roofing materials, piping, roads products, etc, criteria appropriate to the subject and its intended use are applied.

The subject of a certificate is reappraised if there are changes to the subject, or to Agrément criteria or to the relevant regulations.

Before using a product with an Agrément certificate, check that the certificate is still valid (ie that it has not lapsed or been cancelled). ([Valid](#) certificates are listed on the Agrément website).