

Sound Insulation Testing FAQs

All you need to know...

ADvANCE

Who can undertake pre-completion sound insulation testing in accordance with Building Regulations?

Members of the ANC Registration Scheme or UKAS accredited organisations are the only testers recognised in the Approved Document.

The FAQ on the [Government website](#) says:

The guidance in Approved Document E (2003) is that organisations carrying out precompletion testing should "preferably have UKAS accreditation (or a European equivalent) for field measurements".

The 2004 and later amendments add that "The ODPM also regards members of the ANC Registration Scheme as suitably qualified to carry out pre-completion testing".

How many ANC testers are there?

There are over 300 testers in locations all around England, Scotland and Wales.

How is the ANC testing scheme externally reviewed?

The Scheme has third party assessment of its procedures and operation provided by BRE Global. Each member test organisation is subject to an annual internal ANC audit.

What is the benefit of using an ANC tester?

The unique aspect of ANC's scheme is that it is led by professional, qualified acoustic consultants who can, if required, also provide advice on overcoming problems which may be identified during the test.

ANC members can work with you to suggest remedial measures in the event of a 'fail' result being obtained. Use of an ANC registered company means that the tests are conducted to the correct standards and should be accepted by all Building Control Officers.

How do we access and verify the test results?

The Scheme provides a unique task number and password for every test undertaken. This, with an ANC sound insulation test report, allows the Building Control Officer to verify the test has been undertaken by a qualified tester. **Results can be checked on the [ADvANCE website](#).**

How many tests have been conducted by ANC testers?

More than 500,000 tests have been recorded under the scheme.

How much does it cost to have a test done?

Costs vary depending on the size of your development and the test organisation. You should contact a registered test organisation directly and they will provide you with all the information you need.

How do I find an ANC tester?

We've **produced a list of the organisations** who offer testing, along with a contact email and phone number.

The list is split into regions based on where organisations have an office, but many will test in other locations so just contact them to ask.

Some organisations mainly test large scale residential developments and this is shown after their contact details. You can also use our member search and then select **Sound Insulation Testing > Residential PCT** to run an online search for your area.

When can I get testing done?

The building needs to be largely complete with doors and windows installed, the ANC testing company can advise you on specific requirements, including whether floor coverings can be fitted.

For a handy checklist showing the required site conditions, click the button below.

[Click here](#)

Where do I find a copy of the Part E regulations?

Part E of the Building Regulations can be freely downloaded by clicking below.

[Click here](#)

Need more information? Visit www.association-of-noise-consultants.co.uk/services/sound-insulation-testing