

# PAT Testing Compliance Checklist

A simple, one-page guide to what needs testing, how often, and what your certificate should include.

## 1. What Needs PAT Testing

| Appliance Class            | Examples                                                  | Test Type                        |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Class 1 — Earthed          | Kettles, toasters, desktop PCs, fridges, washing machines | Full test incl. earth continuity |
| Class 2 — Double-insulated | Hairdryers, power drills, TVs, lamps                      | Insulation test only             |
| Class 3 — Low-voltage      | Laptops, phone chargers, some LED lighting                | Generally exempt (under 50V)     |

## 2. Recommended Testing Frequency

| Environment               | Class 1 (stationary/IT) | Portable/handheld |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Offices & Shops           | Every 24 months         | Every 12 months   |
| Construction Sites (110V) | Every 3 months          | Every 3 months    |
| Industrial Environments   | Every 12 months         | Every 6 months    |
| Schools                   | Every 12 months         | Every 12 months   |
| Public-Use Premises       | Every 6–12 months       | Every 6 months    |

These are guideline intervals based on IET Code of Practice guidance, not fixed legal deadlines. A proper risk assessment should confirm the right schedule for your site.

## 3. What Your PAT Test Certificate Should Include

- A full inventory of every appliance tested, with a unique ID number
- Pass or fail result for each individual appliance
- The date each appliance was tested
- The date each appliance is next due for re-testing
- The name and qualification of the engineer who carried out the test
- Confirmation of the test methods used (visual inspection + electrical tests)
- Company details and, where applicable, NICEIC/City & Guilds registration numbers

## 4. Quick Self-Check Before Booking

- Do you have a rough count of appliances needing testing?
- Do you know when your appliances were last tested (if ever)?
- Do you have any appliances used in a construction, industrial or public-facing setting (higher testing frequency)?
- Are you a landlord who needs this alongside an EICR renewal?
- Do you need out-of-hours testing to avoid disrupting your business?

**Legal basis:** PAT testing is the standard, recognised way of meeting your duty of care under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, the Electricity at Work Regulations 1989, and the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER). It is not named explicitly as a legal requirement, but is treated as best-practice evidence of compliance by the HSE, insurers and local authorities.

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