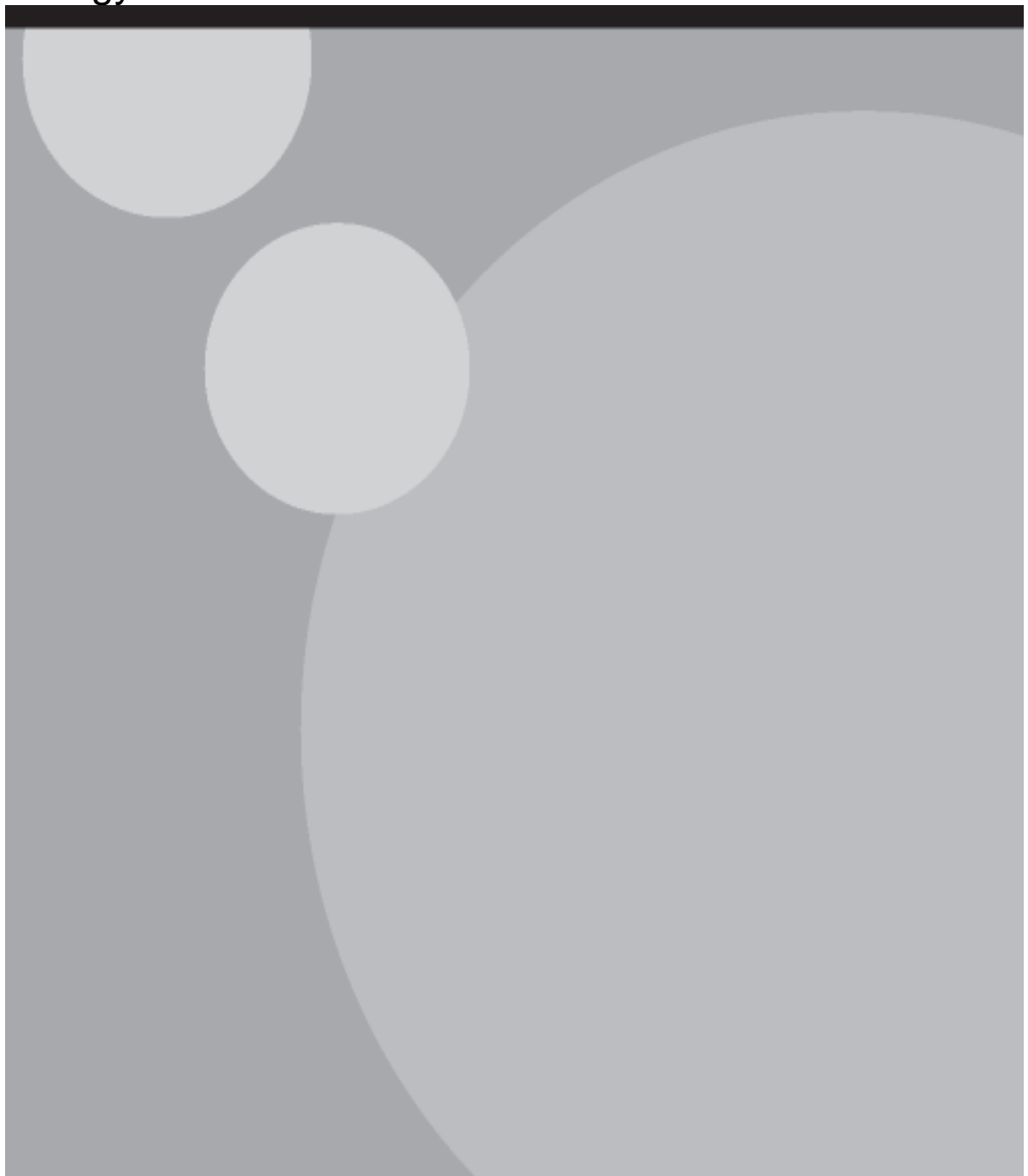




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All Energy Assessors¹ who produce Energy Performance Certificates, Display Energy Certificates and Air Conditioning Reports are required to belong to an accreditation scheme approved by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The Department for Communities and Local Government set some basic rules about the operation of accreditation schemes, through the introduction of Scheme Operating Requirements in 2010, which are designed to ensure that all schemes achieve a common set of minimum standards.

The Scheme Operating Requirements have now been revised to make sure more robust procedures are in place, to ensure quality of Energy Performance Certificates and so that consumers and others can have confidence in the information and advice contained in them.

The revised Scheme Operating Requirements for Domestic Energy Assessors and Air Conditioning Inspectors take effect from April 2012.

The revised Scheme Operating Requirements will help to enhance the quality of Energy Performance Certificates for consumers, which is important as:

- Energy Performance Certificates will form a major part of the [Green Deal](#) assessment process when the Green Deal is introduced later in 2012.
- Key decisions about potential measures available through the Green Deal will be based on Energy Performance Certificate assessments.
- The enhanced role of Energy Performance Certificates increases the need for confidence in the accuracy and robustness of the Energy Performance Certificate.

¹In this document, the term Energy Assessor(s) is used to mean Domestic Energy Assessor(s), Non-domestic Energy Assessor(s), Display Energy Certificate Assessor(s) and Air Conditioning Inspector(s).