



**FORMAL  
INTERPRETATIONS**



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**Question:**

*Std: NZS 4541: 2007 (1201.1 & 1203.4)*

**Interpretation:**

Issued by the Fixed Fire Protection Group

***Was it the committee's intention that contractors do not seek a compliance certificate from the SSC following a biennial inspection, but in preference sign a compliance certificate (form 12A) themselves?***

The Compliance Certificate referred to in clause 1201.1 is described in note 1 to this clause. It is a Form 12A 'certificate of compliance with inspection, maintenance and reporting procedures' as prescribed in the Building (Forms) Amendment Regulations 2005. This form needs to be signed by an Independent Qualified Person (IQP) or Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) annually. A Sprinkler System Certifier is not involved in this process.

Clause 1203.4 refers to the Sprinkler System Certificate of Compliance as shown in Appendix U of NZS 4541. This Form is required to be signed by a Sprinkler System Certifier on a biennial (every second year) basis. The Sprinkler System Certifier could require sighting of a Form 12A as part of the process in gathering evidence that this Certificate can be signed.