

BASEC
BRITISH APPROVALS SERVICE FOR CABLES



Membership Brochure



Chairman's Welcome

Hello and welcome to British Approval Services for Cables (BASEC).

BASEC is a members' organisation founded in 1971. The fundamental aim of our business is the promotion of an improved standard of quality, driving safer products within the global cables and accessories markets.

Our organisation is built around the four key principles of Impartiality, Integrity, Independence and continuous Improvement.

Through an unwavering belief in our principles we strive to deliver world-class testing and accreditation services for all our stakeholders

For many years BASEC has been recognised for providing leading edge quality assurance and certification services exclusively to manufacturers of cables and accessories.

At BASEC we recognise that gaps in knowledge exist within our global markets and the associated supply chains.

We further believe that a shortage of independent and impartial knowledge acts as a barrier to many of the challenges seen with manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, specifiers and end-users across the industry. BASEC, we believe, is uniquely positioned to bridge this knowledge gap through its modernised service offering which should assist members to stay competitive in today's world.

In 2018 the board refreshed the senior management team at BASEC and approved a commercially based, customer focused strategy to drive growth.

Having already invested in a world-class laboratory facility and IT infrastructure at its headquarters in Milton Keynes the board of BASEC has truly set the foundation for the company to compete on the world stage. Further investment in facilities in the Middle East and Europe continues to underpin our longterm 'Locally – Global' philosophy to customer service.

Through our strategy we acknowledge that the ongoing recruitment and retention of members to the company is crucial.

We further recognise that membership should be a two-way relationship that generates value for both parties. At BASEC we aim to provide a valuable source of industry technical information and best practice guidance through an education forum. More importantly we want to listen to our members and their needs. We aim to provide our members with a co-ordinated voice to the key industry influencers and standards making bodies.

Getting different views and perspectives of a market can only help BASEC develop and improve its services.



Iain Ballingall - Chairman



We are confident that the changes underway within BASEC are progressive and I am sure that as a potential future member we can add value to your business.

Operating independently for over 45 years

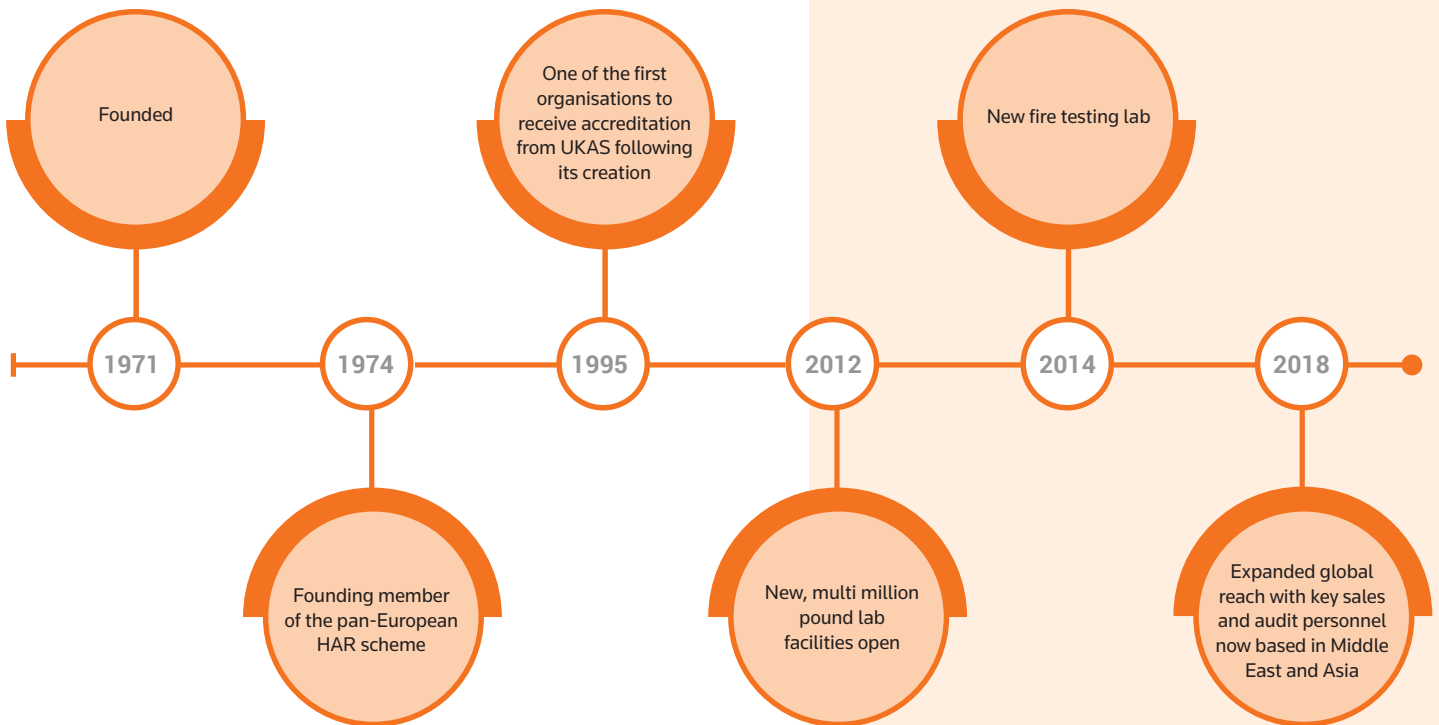


BASEC was founded as a collaboration between UK cable manufacturers and BSI, along with cable users such as electrical contractors.

Since 1971, BASEC's remit has been to sustain and improve the standards of safety and quality of wire and cable products, by the provision of independent and impartial testing and certification services. For many years, assessment work was undertaken by BSI, under contract to BASEC.

In the 1980s BASEC established separate offices and employed its own auditors, with cable testing continuing to be undertaken by third parties.

In 2012 BASEC established its own specialist test laboratories in Milton Keynes, and has continued to invest in its staffing and facilities, including an extensive range of cable fire tests.





About BASEC Membership



BASEC is established as a UK company, limited by guarantee, which means it has supporting members, rather than shareholders. Nevertheless, BASEC operates on a fully commercial basis with its members and receives no government or industry funding.

BASEC's members are supporting organisations with an interest in the quality and safety of the cables that are manufactured and supplied into markets worldwide. Membership applications are invited from a variety of industry sectors and user groups with a professional interest in cable.

The function of members in a company limited by guarantee is to represent the fundamental interests of the parties participating in and benefiting from the activities of the company. Members are generally represented through a primary contact - a senior member of an association, a member of secretariat staff, or a business leader.

Members and their organisations are invited to work with BASEC in a number of ways. Each year the members have an opportunity at the AGM to review progress, to vote on the annual report and accounts, and to confirm en bloc appointments to the board of management - the directors of the company who take day to day responsibility for the operations of the company. The AGM normally takes place at a UK location and members each have one vote.

Current members are a core of interested parties including cable manufacturers and electrical contractors. BASEC is seeking to broaden its membership as its work has developed into new sectors of cable use and also into new geographic locations.



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Benefits of Membership



Members can ensure that the voice of the community they represent is being listened to within BASEC.



- 1 Through your membership you will have access to up-to-date information on UK and international cable standards and schemes, including summary information on the scope and scale of schemes, and their general performance.
- 2 Members are able to input their customers' needs into BASEC's schemes especially when new specifications or schemes are being developed to meet short-term market needs.
- 3 Members can suggest new scheme areas to BASEC, so that BASEC is able to offer the range of schemes needed by suppliers and users of cable and related products.
- 4 Members can ensure that the voice of the community they represent is being listened to within BASEC. There are additional mechanisms which BASEC operates to ensure its testing and certification activities are fit for purpose and working well, such as BASEC's certification committee. Member organisations may seek more in-depth involvement with BASEC via such routes.
- 5 Members receive expert insight on the global cable industry. While cable manufacturing is a mature sector, innovations from a technical and a business perspective are occurring on a regular basis. The cable market and organisations like BASEC need to maintain relevance alongside those changes.
- 6 BASEC is able to provide content about cable for members own publications.
- 7 Members can raise matters of concern to the BASEC management at any time.



Duty and confidentiality

Key duties performed by members:

The main duty of members is to ensure that BASEC is fulfilling its objectives, by scrutiny of BASEC's annual report and accounts, and voting on these. In addition, members have a role in confirming the directors proposed for appointment to the board of management.

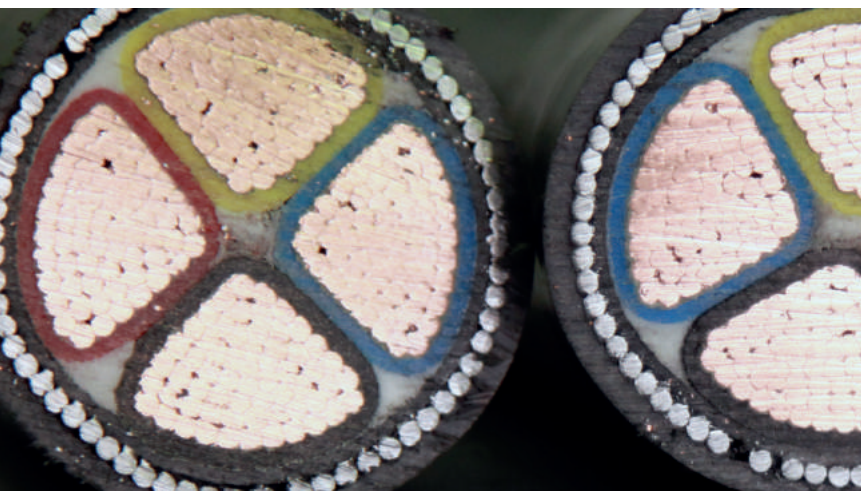
What membership does not provide :

BASEC is obliged to undertake its testing and certification activities in an impartial and confidential manner, so specific certification or testing cases cannot normally be discussed with members. BASEC openly publishes its lists of approved products and companies and this is the extent to which such information would be available to members.



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Providing excellent customer service, focus and commitment to all our stakeholders is a top priority at BASEC.

Membership requirements.

- ✓ Applicants for membership should be broadly representative of their field of operation, with a good coverage of firms operating in their field and geographic location.
- ✓ Members should be a registered entity such as a company (as appropriate, locally), or have an industry standing acceptable to BASEC.
- ✓ Applicants should nominate one primary contact person, plus an alternative.
- ✓ Applications should be made on the appropriate form and should provide with their application information about their organisation, or provide links to public domain information, along with a statement of why they seek to become a member of BASEC.
- ✓ Applications will be reviewed by the BASEC Nominations Committee and a response provided within 6 weeks of receipt of the application. If the application is successful, the applicant will be added to BASEC's list of members, listed on the BASEC website, and an introductory pack of information provided.

If the application is not successful for any reason, then feedback will be provided by the BASEC Nominations Committee.

Get in touch / apply for membership

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