

## Approved Documents

Approved Documents offer comprehensive guidance on compliance with The Building Regulations 2010 and subsequent updates.

Compiled by the government, Approved Documents cover means of achieving statutory compliance for all aspects of building work, including new construction, extensions, alterations, fire safety, plumbing, electrics, conservation of fuel and power, ventilation and more.

The Building Regulations 2010 and the Approved Documents they contain relate to construction or alteration projects in England and Wales. Scotland and Northern Ireland have their own, closely related distinct sets of building codes and standards.

The Approved Documents are updated on a regular basis with additions such as more stringent transmission of sound, air tightness testing and insulation requirements, as construction standards rise and new building techniques products and technologies evolve.

### Approved Documents contain:

- Essential guidelines on the expected performance of materials and construction to meet building regulations.
- Practical examples and solutions to achieving compliance for some of the more common building scenarios.

### Building Regulations

Building regulations in England and Wales set legal standards for design, construction, and alteration of buildings. They ensure safety, health, energy efficiency, and accessibility, covering structural integrity, fire protection, drainage, conservation of fuel and power, ventilation and more. These regulations differ from planning permission and apply to most building work.

### Who needs to be Aware of These Rules?

Clients, designers, and contractors involved in building projects must understand and fulfil their building regulations compliance and safety duties. Ensuring site safety is a collaborative effort.

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The Approved Documents offer essential advice and guidance on required standards and outcomes for buildings and premises.

Approved Documents are statutory guidance documents in the UK offering practical advice on complying with the Building Regulations 2010. They are categorised into Parts **A** to **T**, addressing various technical aspects of building safety, sustainability, and accessibility.

- A** – Structural Safety
- B** – Fire Safety (Volumes 1 Dwelling Houses, Volume 2, Buildings in Non-Dwelling Houses)
- C** – Site Preparation and Resistance to Contaminates and Moisture
- D** – Toxic Substances
- E** – Resistance to the Passage of Sound
- F** – Ventilation (Volume 1 Dwellings, Volume 2, Buildings and Other than Dwellings)
- G** – Sanitation, Hot Water Safety and Water Efficiency
- H** – Drainage and Waste Disposal
- J** – Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems
- K** – Protection from Falling, Collision and Impact
- L** – Conservation of Fuel and Power (Volume 1 Dwellings, Volume 2 Buildings and other than Dwellings)
- M** – Access to and use of buildings (Volume 1 Dwellings, Volume 2 Buildings other than Dwellings)
- N** – Glazing Materials and Protection
- O** – Overheating Requirements
- P** – Electrical Safety Dwellings
- Q** – Security
- R** – Electronic Communications Infrastructure
- S** – Infrastructure for the changing of Electronic Vehicles
- T** – Toilet Accommodation

The Building Regulations 2010 contains far more than the Approved Documents listed above. They contain guidance on when to apply, how to apply, different forms of application, when work may be notifiable, building safety, definitions of competence, duty holders, contractual relationships, supervision and inspections, testing and commissioning, linking to external services, third party certifications, completion and more. It is also worth noting that the Building Safety Act 2022 continues to exert influence on the contents and standards contained within.