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THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010

**REVISED APPROVED DOCUMENT O
(OVERHEATING) TO SUPPORT NEW
REQUIREMENTS IN THE REGULATION**

**REVISED APPROVED DOCUMENT S
(INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CHARGING
ELECTRIC VEHICLES) TO SUPPORT
NEW REQUIREMENTS IN THE
REGULATION**

REVISED APPROVED DOCUMENT F,
VOLUME 2

REVISED APPROVED DOCUMENT L,
VOLUMES 1 AND 2

INTRODUCTION

1. On behalf of the Secretary of State I draw your attention to the revision of Approved Document F (Ventilation), volume 2; Approved Document L (Conservation of Fuel and Power) volumes 1 and 2, Approved Document O (Overheating) and Approved Document S (Infrastructure for Charging Electric Vehicles).

3. The purpose of this Circular is to:

- draw attention to the revision of the Approved Documents giving practical guidance with respect to the requirements of the Building Regulations 2010.

4. Annex A to this Circular sets out the revision of the Approved Documents giving practical guidance with respect to the requirements of the Building Regulations 2010.

5. This Circular does not give advice on the technical requirements in the Building Regulations 2010 as these are matters covered by the Approved Documents.

APPLICATION OF THE GUIDANCE

6. The Approved Documents L (volumes 1 and 2), F (volume 2), O and S apply only to buildings and building work in England.

APPROVED DOCUMENTS

7. Annex A to this Circular give the Notice of Approval of revision of the documents giving practical guidance with respect to the requirements of the Building Regulations 2010, subject to the transitional provisions.

8. The Approved Documents are available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents>

or paper copies may be ordered from RIBA Bookshops (www.ribabookshops.com)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

9. Approved Documents F (volume 2), L (volumes 1 and 2) and O will come into effect on 15 June 2022. However they will not apply in relation to building work on a particular building, where a building notice or an initial notice has been given to, or full plans have been deposited with, a local authority, in respect of that building, before 15th June 2022, provided that the building work on that building is started before 15th June 2023.

10. In some cases, applications will be in respect of a number of buildings on a site, for example a number of houses. In such cases, it is only those individual buildings for which work is commenced which can take advantage of the transitional provisions.

11. With regards to Approved Document S (Infrastructure for Charging Electric Vehicles) the new requirements do not apply in relation to building work where a building notice or an initial notice has been given to, or full plans deposited with, a local authority before 15 June 2022 provided that the building work is started before 15 June 2023.

ENQUIRIES

12. All enquiries on matters covered by this Circular should be addressed to:

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Date: 24 February 2022

Signed:


A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. Molho". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'V' at the beginning.

V Molho

An Assistant Secretary in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

ANNEX A

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REVISION OF DOCUMENTS GIVING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIRMENTS OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010	
<p>The Secretary of State hereby gives notice under section 6 of the Building Act 1984 that, in the exercise of said powers under section 6, he has approved the revisions to the documents listed below for the purposes of giving practical guidance with respect to the specified requirements of the Building Regulations 2010.</p> <p>The approval takes effect on 15 June 2022 except in respect of work for which a building notice or initial notice has been given or full plans deposited before that date and provided work commences before 15 June 2023.</p>	
Document and Part Revised	Requirements of the Building Regulations 2010 in respect of which the document is approved
Approved Document F, Ventilation, Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellings; paragraph 3.6, Annex A	Regulations 39, 44 and Schedule 1: Part F
Approved Document L, Conservation of fuel and power, Volume 1: Dwellings; Table 4.2, paragraph 5.8, paragraph 5.9, paragraph 6.17, paragraph 8.8 and Appendix B	Regulations 6, 22, 23, 24, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26A, 26C, 27, 27A, 27C, 28, 40, 40A, 43, 44, 44ZA and Schedule 1, Part L
Approved Document L, Conservation of fuel and power, Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellings; Table 4.6, paragraph 5.13, table 6.9, paragraph 6.79 and Appendix B	Regulations 6, 22, 23, 24, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26C, 27, 27C, 28, 40, 40A, 43, 44, 44ZA and Schedule 1, Part L
Approved Document O, Overheating; table 1.2, paragraph 1.12	Regulation 40B and Schedule 1 Part O
Approved Document S, Infrastructure for charging electric vehicles; paragraphs 0.8, 2.2, 2.3, 2.8, 2.11, 2.13 and 4.1	Regulation 44D, 44E, 44F, 44G, 44H, 44I, 44J and Schedule 1, Part S
<p>Signed by authority of the Secretary of State</p> 	<p>V Molho</p> <p>An Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government</p> <p>DATE 24 February 2022</p>