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Domestic and Non-Domestic

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<b>Who should read this:</b> 1) All Defence Personnel, Technical Services Providers, Infrastructure Delivery and Maintenance Management Organisations (i.e., Industry Partners and their supply chain) involved in new build and construction work where the MOD Building Regulations Compliance System applies on the Defence Estate in Scotland.	
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## Document History

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## Foreword

This Technical Standard here after known as ‘the Standard’ is published by Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) in its role as infrastructural technical authority. This standard is mandated for all construction contracts in Scotland.

## Ownership

DIO Building Control Compliance Authority are the document owner and Technical Authority for this standard. Approval for any deviation or derogation from this standard are to be approved by the DIO Principal Building Surveyor prior to the commencement of any work.

## Application

This Technical Standard applies to all new building works where the JSP 850 – MOD Building Regulations Compliance System (BRCS) applies between the date of publication and 1 February 2023.

## Intent

The Standard is intended to provide confirmation on the transitional provisions for the adoption of the updated Scottish Technical Handbooks on building work in Scotland where JSP 850 - MOD BRCS applies. The MOD BRCS adopts the technical standards as mandatory on the defence estate in Scotland and is applied as the MOD has exemption from the technical and procedural requirements of the Building Regulations in Scotland.

## Technical Handbooks

The following Technical Handbooks were published in November 2022 to come into effect from 1 February 2023.

- Building Standards Technical Handbook 2022: Domestic Buildings
- Building Standards Technical Handbook 2022: Non-domestic Buildings

## MOD Transitional Provisions

The updated Scottish Technical Handbooks take effect on 1 February 2023 for use on building works in Scotland under JSP 850 - MOD BRCS.

The updated Technical Handbooks will not apply to MOD building projects where the following conditions are met:

1. A MOD BRCS Form 1 has been submitted to the DIO Building Control Compliance Authority mailbox – [diots-bccaworksnotification@mod.gov.uk](mailto:diots-bccaworksnotification@mod.gov.uk) before 1 February 2023; **AND**
2. The work for each building (see note 1) is started before 1 February 2024 (see note 2).

**Note 1** – This approach is different to previous transitional provisions as they apply per building and not per site. Where there are MOD site developments with building work that involves multiple buildings on one site where the start on site date is known to transcend the 1 February 2024 there will be different

compliance requirements that will need to be considered during the design and construction process in order for the buildings to be certified under the MOD BRCS.

**Note 2** – The minimum amount of building work to be completed to be deemed a start on site for an individual building prior to February 2024 is considered to be ground works starting such as foundations and drainage.

## **Determinations**

Where building projects cannot meet this requirement and there is a technical or operational issue with meeting the new requirements, a D1 Determination form should be completed under the MOD BRCS process and issued to [diots-bccateam@mod.gov.uk](mailto:diots-bccateam@mod.gov.uk) for consideration by the DIO Building Control Compliance Authority.

## **Technical Guidance**

The changes include updated guidance on fire safety that applied from June 2022, energy, environmental standards, and new guidance on overheating in buildings that apply from February 2023. A full summary of the changes can be found in the introductory part of each section of the Technical Handbooks, but for further advice on the changes or implementation of the Technical Standards on the MOD estate please contact [diots-bccateam@mod.gov.uk](mailto:diots-bccateam@mod.gov.uk).

## **References**

JSP 850 – MOD Building Regulations Compliance System

JSP 850 – External Wall Systems

Building Standards Technical Handbook 2022: Domestic Buildings

Building Standards Technical Handbook 2022: Non-domestic Buildings