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Conservation of fuel and power

Amendments to the approved documents

April 2016 amendments coming into force 6 April 2016
*These amendments apply to building work carried out in England. They also apply to building work carried out on excepted energy buildings in Wales as defined in the Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) (No 2) order 2009.
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Where you can get further help

In indent a. replace “the Planning Portal website www.planningportal.gov.uk” with “the Government website www.gov.uk”.

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Under Section 2: Design standards, replace “Regulations 24 and 25” with “Regulations 35, 24 and 25”.

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Energy performance certificates

In paragraph 0.3, replace “Regulation 29 of the Building Regulations” with “Regulation 7A of the Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012”.

In paragraph 0.3, replace “www.planningportal.gov.uk” with “www.gov.uk”.

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Section 1: The requirements

In paragraph 1.1, delete “29” (twice).

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Demonstrating compliance

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Section 2: Design standards

In the subtitle, replace “Regulations 24 and 25” with “Regulations 35, 24 and 25”.

In paragraph 2.1, replace “Regulations 24 and 25” with “Regulations 35, 24 and 25”.

At the top of the first box below paragraph 2.1, insert:

“Interpretation

35(1). ‘Energy performance of a building’ means the calculated or measured amount of energy needed to meet the energy demand associated with a typical use of the building, which includes, inter alia, energy used for heating, cooling, ventilation, hot water and lighting.”.

In the first box below paragraph 2.1, replace “‘asset rating’ means a numerical indicator of the amount...” with “‘asset rating’ means an energy performance indicator determined from the amount...”.

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In the second box below paragraph 2.1, replace “… Secretary of State, in ...” with “… Secretary of State calculated and expressed in ...”. 
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Criterion 1 – Achieving the TER and TFEE rate

In the first box below paragraph 2.8, replace “…regulation 25.” with “…regulation 25 applying the methodology of calculation and expression of the energy performance of buildings approved pursuant to regulation 24.”.

In the second box below paragraph 2.8, delete “for new dwellings” from the title.

In the second box below paragraph 2.8, replace “dwelling which has been approved pursuant to regulation 25.” with “dwelling that has been approved pursuant to regulation 25, applying the methodology of calculation and expression of the energy performance of buildings approved pursuant to regulation 24.”.

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CO₂ emission rate and fabric energy efficiency rate calculations

In the box below paragraph 2.10, replace 27.(2)(a) and (b):

“(a) the target CO₂ emission rate for the building,
(b) the calculated CO₂ emission rate for the building as designed, and” with:

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In the box below paragraph 2.10, in 27.(4) replace “…produce such certificates…” with “…produce energy performance certificates…”.

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In the box below paragraph 2.11, replace 27A.(2)(a) and (b):

“(a) the target fabric energy efficiency rate for the dwelling;
(b) the calculated fabric energy efficiency rate for the dwelling as designed; and” with:

“(a) the target fabric energy efficiency rate for the dwelling calculated and expressed in accordance with the methodology approved pursuant to regulation 24;
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In the box below paragraph 2.11, in 27A.(4) replace “…produce such certificates…” with “…produce energy performance certificates…”.
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In the box below paragraph 3.13, in 43.(4) replace “…registered by the British Institute of Non-destructive Testing or…” with “…registered by the Independent Air Tightness Testing Scheme Limited or…”.


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Appendix A: Key terms and abbreviations

In the definition of Dwelling Type replace “(including ground-floor maisonette)” with “(including ground-floor maisonette)”.

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Continuity of insulation and airtightness

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Appendix B: Documents referred to

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Air permeability and pressure testing

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