



Department for
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To:

The Chief Executive
Unitary, Metropolitan, District and
London Borough Councils in England
County and County Borough Councils
in Wales
The Town Clerk, City of London
The Clerk, Council of the Isles of Scilly
The Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple
The Under Treasurer, Middle Temple

The Head of Building Control
Unitary Metropolitan, District and
London Borough Councils in England
County and County Borough Councils
in Wales
City of London
Council of the Isles of Scilly

Approved Inspectors

cc: The Chief Executive:
County Councils in England
National Park Authorities in England &
Wales

The Chief Fire Officer: Fire Authorities in
England and Wales

04 April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

NEW GREEN DEAL MEASURES

NOTICE OF APPROVAL FOR CALCULATION METHODOLOGIES

I am writing first to inform you that the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has confirmed some additional measures that will be introduced into the Green Deal, and to clarify where such measures are notifiable building work under the Building Regulations and whether there are competent person scheme installers who may in some cases self-certify the work where it is notifiable.

I am also writing to inform you that we have issued a new notice of approval for the calculation methodologies for CO₂ emissions, fabric energy efficiency and energy performance certificates for new buildings.

Scope of this Circular Letter

This Circular Letter applies to local authorities in England carrying out building control functions. It also applies to local authorities in Wales carrying out building control functions in respect of excepted energy buildings¹.

New Green Deal Measures

More information on the new measures is available at:

<http://gdorb.decc.gov.uk/news-a-events/254-bre-publishes-updated-green-deal-occupancy-assessment-methodology>

The following table sets out the new measures which DECC have confirmed will be introduced within the domestic Green Deal later this year when commercial Green Deal Assessment software is updated; whether in the Department's opinion they are notifiable building work under the Building Regulations; and whether there are competent person schemes for the measures. Where notifiable work was carried out by an installer not registered with a competent person scheme it would need to be notified to a building control body in advance in the normal way.

Measure	Notifiable building work	Competent person schemes
Energy efficient luminaires	Yes	Yes
Replacement heating circulation pump	No	No
Glazing replacement ²	No	No
Storage waste water heat recovery	Yes	Yes
Fan assisted storage heaters (high heat retention)	Yes, but only if a new electrical circuit is installed	Yes, but only if a new electrical circuit is installed
Party wall cavity insulation	Yes	Yes

Notice of approval of methodologies of the calculation of the energy performance of buildings

Regulations 25, 26, 26A, 27, 27A and 29 of the Building Regulations 2010 require that the calculation of energy performance of new buildings shall be carried out using a methodology approved by the Secretary of State under regulation 24 of those Regulations.

¹ "Excepted energy buildings are defined in the schedule to the Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) (No.2) Order 2009 ([S.I. 2009/3019](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/3019))

² This measure is for the replacement of only the glass sealed units, not the replacement of the entire window or door units (i.e. glass plus frame) which is already a Green Deal measure and notifiable building work for which there are competent person schemes

To coincide with the coming into effect of amendments to the energy efficiency requirements of the Building Regulations on 6 April 2014 a notice of approval for updated approved methodologies has been issued. The notice of approval and guidance on it is available on the GOV.UK website at:

<https://www.gov.co.uk/government/publications/building-regulations-2010-notice-of-approval>

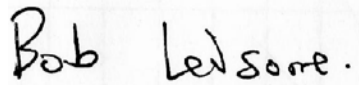
The coming into effect date for the approved methodologies is 6 April. The notice sets out what buildings to which the updated methodologies will apply and when previous versions of the methodologies may continue to be used.

Enquiries

Any enquiries on this Circular Letter should be addressed to:

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Ledsome." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

R J Ledsome

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