

THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010

Amended Approved Documents to support the following requirements of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010:

- **PART G (SANITATION, HOT WATER SAFETY AND WATER EFFICIENCY)**
- **PART M (ACCESS TO AND USE OF BUILDINGS)**

INTRODUCTION

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to draw your attention to the publication of amendments to Approved Document G (Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency), Approved Document M, volume 1 (Access to and use of buildings: dwellings) and Approved Document M, volume 2 (Access to and use of buildings: buildings other than dwellings).
2. The amended Approved Documents will come into force on 1 March 2016 in the circumstances set out in the formal notice of approval in Annex to this Circular. The amended editions will be identified on the front covers as “2015 edition with 2016 amendments”.
3. The purpose of this Circular is to:
 - draw attention to the fact that the amendments apply in England and to excepted energy buildings in Wales; and
 - announce the approval and publication of the amended Approved Documents.

APPLICATION OF THE AMENDED APPROVED DOCUMENTS

4. The amended Approved Documents provide guidance in respect of buildings in England and also to excepted energy buildings in Wales.

SCOPE OF THE AMENDMENTS

5. A full list of all the amendments made to the Approved Documents is available on the GOV.UK website at:

Approved Document G: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sanitation-hot-water-safety-and-water-efficiency-approved-document-g>

Approved Document M: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-and-use-of-buildings-approved-document-m>

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

6. The guidance in the amended Approved Documents will apply only to building work where a building notice was given, full plans deposited or an initial notice given on or after 1 March 2016. The guidance in earlier editions will continue to apply to work commenced before 1 March 2016 or to work where a building notice was given, full plans deposited or an initial notice before that date.

ENQUIRIES

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Date: 1 March 2016

Signed:

R J Ledsome
An Assistant Secretary in the Department for Communities and Local
Government

ANNEX

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010		
<p>The Secretary of State hereby gives notice under section 6 of the Building Act 1984 that, in exercise of the said powers under section 6, he has approved the documents listed below for the purposes of giving practical guidance with respect to the specified requirements of the Building Regulations 2010 (as amended). This approval takes effect as listed in the table below except in respect of work commenced before the coming into force dates or of work which has not commenced but was notified to a building control body before the coming into force date.</p>		
Document	Requirement of the Building Regulations in respect of which the document is approved	Coming into Force Date
Approved Document G (Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency) 2015 edition with 2016 amendments	Part G of Schedule 1	1 March 2016
Approved Document M, volumes 1 and 2, (Access to and use of buildings) 2015 edition with 2016 amendments	Part M of Schedule 1	1 March 2016
<i>Signed by authority of the Secretary of State</i>	R J Ledsome An Assistant Secretary in the Department for Communities and Local Government 1 March 2016	

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