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THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010

- **PUBLICATION OF APPROVED DOCUMENT L1B INCORPORATING 2018 AMENDMENTS**
- **PUBLICATION OF THE DOMESTIC BUILDING SERVICES COMPLIANCE GUIDE INCORPORATING 2018 AMENDMENTS**

INTRODUCTION

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to draw your attention to the approval of the publication of a new edition of Approved Document L1B, 2010 edition (incorporating 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016 and 2018 amendments) and of the publication of a new edition of the Domestic Building Services Compliance guide, 2013 edition incorporating 2018 amendments. The guidance in the publications comes into force on 6 April 2018, subject to transitional provisions.
2. The purpose of this Circular is to:
 - draw attention to the publication of the amended Approved Document and Compliance Guide and their formal approval by the Secretary of State;
 - give notice of the withdrawal of approval of earlier editions of the Approved Document and compliance guide; and
 - set out the transitional provisions which apply.

SCOPE OF THE CHANGES

3. The new editions of the Approved Document and Compliance Guide will provide guidance on compliance for building work carried out in England.

NOTICES OF APPROVAL AND WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL

4. The formal notices of approval of the new editions and withdrawal of approval of the previous editions of the Approved Document and Compliance Guide, given under section 6 of the Building Act 1984, are at Annexes A and B of this Circular.

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

5. The new editions of the Approved Document and Compliance Guide will come into force on 6 April 2018 only in respect of:
 - work where a building notice or initial notice was given or full plans deposited on or after that date; or
 - work where the contract for the provision of the work was agreed on or after that date in cases where no notification to a building control body is required.
6. The current editions of the Approved Document and Compliance Guide will continue to apply in respect of:
 - work commenced before 6 April 2018;
 - work where a building notice or initial notice was given or full plans deposited before 6 April 2018; or
 - work where a contract for the provision of the work was agreed before 6 April 2018 where no notification to a building control body was required.

ENQUIRIES

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

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ANNEX A

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF A DOCUMENT 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 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 date; work which has not commenced but was notified to a building control body before the coming into force date; or work which has not commenced and which does not require notification to a building control body where the contract for the work was agreed 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 L1B: conservation of fuel and power in existing dwellings, 2010 edition (incorporating 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016 and 2018 amendments)	Part L(1)(b) of Schedule 1	6 April 2018
Domestic building services compliance guide, 2013 edition incorporating 2018 amendments	Part L(1)(b) of Schedule 1	6 April 2018
<i>Signed by authority of the Secretary of State</i>	R J Ledsoe An Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 5 April 2018	

ANNEX B

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL OF A DOCUMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010		
The Secretary of State hereby gives notice under section 6 of the Building Act that, in exercise of the said powers under section 6, he has withdrawn approval of 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 withdrawal takes effect as listed in the table below except in respect of work commenced before the withdrawal date; work which has not commenced but was notified to a building control body before the withdrawal date; or work which has not commenced and which does not require notification to a building control body where the contract for the work was agreed before the withdrawal date.		
Document	Requirement of the Building Regulations in respect of which the document is approved	Withdrawal date
Approved Document L1B: conservation of fuel and power in existing dwellings, 2010 edition (incorporating 2010, 2011, 2013 and 2016 amendments)	Part L(1)(b) of Schedule 1	6 April 2018
Domestic building services compliance guide, 2013 edition.	Part L(1)(b) of Schedule 1	6 April 2018
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