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THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010

APPROVED DOCUMENT B,
VOLUME 2

- **AMENDS APPROVED DOCUMENT B, VOLUME 2**

INTRODUCTION

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to draw your attention to the publication of amendments to Approved Document B (Fire Safety), volume 2: Buildings other than dwellinghouses.
2. The amended Approved Documents will come into force on 16 April 2019 in the circumstances set out in the formal notice of approval in Annex [A] to this Circular.
3. The purpose of this Circular is to:
 - draw attention to the amendments made to Approved Document B (Fire Safety), volume 2 - Buildings other than dwellinghouses; and
 - announce the approval and publication of the amended Approved Documents.

APPLICATION OF THE APPROVED DOCUMENTS

4. The changes made to the Approved Documents apply only to buildings and building work in England.

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

5. The amendments take place immediately and there is no transition arrangement.

The amendments will come into force on 16 April 2019.

APPROVED DOCUMENTS

6. Approved Document B (Fire Safety), Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellinghouses (2006 edition incorporating 2010, 2013 and November 2018 and December 2018 amendments) have been amended to correct paragraph 12.8 by replacing the text.
7. Annexes A and B to this Circular give the Notice of Approval for the amended Approved Documents and the Notice of Withdrawal of Approval of previous editions of the amended Approved Documents.
8. Copies of the amended Approved Documents are available from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents>, or

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<https://www.ribabookshops.com/>

ENQUIRIES

9. 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 REVISION OF DOCUMENTS 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 the exercise of said powers under section 6, he has approved revisions to the documents listed below for the purposes of giving practical guidance with respect to the specified requirements of the Building Regulations 2010.</p> <p>The approval takes effect immediately on 16 April 2019. There are no transitional arrangements.</p>	
Document	Requirements of the Building Regulations 2010 in respect of which the document is approved
Approved Document B (Fire safety) volume 2: Buildings other than dwellinghouses (2006 edition incorporating 2010, 2013 and November 2018, December 2018 and April 2019 amendments)	Part B, Schedule 1 Regulations 5, 6, 7 & 38
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State	R J Ledsome An Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 16 April 2019

ANNEX B

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS 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 the exercise of the powers under section 6(5), 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.</p> <p>The withdrawal of approval takes effect on 16 April 2019. There are no transitional arrangements.</p>	
Document	
Approved Document B (Fire safety) volume 2: Buildings other than dwellinghouses (2006 edition incorporating 2010, 2013 and November 2018 and December 2018 amendments)	
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State	R J Ledsome An Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government 16 April 2019

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