



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Circular 03/2022

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities

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29 July 2022

THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010

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

- **PART J COMBUSTION APPLIANCES AND FUEL STORAGE SYSTEMS**

INTRODUCTION

1. On behalf of the Secretary of State I draw your attention to the revision of Approved Document J (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems).
2. The amended Approved Document will come into force on 1 October 2022 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 J (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems).
 - announce the approval and publication of the amended Approved Document.

APPLICATION OF THE GUIDANCE

4. The changes made to Approved Document J apply only to buildings and building work in England.

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

5. The changes made to Approved Document J come into force on 1 October 2022. The 2010 edition of Approved Document J incorporating 2010 and 2013 amendments will continue to apply to the building work to which it relates, provided:

- a. it has started before that day; or
- b. work for which-
 - (i) a building notice has been given to a local authority before that day,
 - (ii) an initial notice has been given to a local authority and not rejected by it before that day,
 - (iii) an amendment notice has been given to a local authority and not rejected by it before that day,
 - (iv) full plans have been deposited before that day,and work commences within three months beginning on that day; or
- c. that for work where no notification is required (see regulation 12(6) of the Building Regulations 2010), the work commences within three months beginning on that day.

Please note that “building notice”, “initial notice”, “amendment notice” and “full plans” have the meanings given in regulation 2 of the Building Regulations 2010.

APPROVED DOCUMENTS

6. Approved Document J has been amended to extend the provisions to install carbon monoxide alarms in support of requirement J3 “Warning of release of carbon monoxide”.
7. Annexes A and B to this Circular give the Notice of Approval for the amended Approved Document and the Notice of Withdrawal of Approval of previous editions of the amended Approved Document, subject to the transitional provisions.
8. The Approved Documents are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/approved-documents>
or paper copies may be ordered from RIBA Bookshops (www.ribabookshops.com)

ENQUIRIES

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

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Date: 29 July 2022

Signed:



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ANNEX A

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REVISION OF DOCUMENTS GIVING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIRMENTS 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 on 1 October 2022 except in respect of work already commenced before that date; or in respect of work for which a building notice, initial notice or amendment notice has been given or full plans deposited before that date and provided work commences within three months of that date; or in respect of work where no notification is required (see regulation 12(6) of the Building Regulations 2010) provided work commences within three months of that date.</p>	
Document	Requirements of the Building Regulations 2010 in respect of which the document is approved
Approved Document J (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems) (2010 edition incorporating 2010, 2013 and 2022 amendments).	Part J, Schedule 1
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State 	V Molho An Assistant Secretary in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities 29 July 2022

ANNEX B

Building Act 1984

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS GIVING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIRMENTS 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 1 October 2022 except in respect of work already commenced before that date; or in respect of work for which a building notice, initial notice or amendment notice has been given or full plans deposited before that date and provided work commences within three months of that date; or in respect of work where no notification is required (see regulation 12(6) of the Building Regulations 2010) provided work commences within three months of that date.</p>
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Document

<p>Approved Document J (Combustion Appliances and Fuel Storage Systems) (2010 edition incorporating 2010 and 2013 amendments).</p>
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<p>Signed by authority of the Secretary of State</p>
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<p>V Molho</p>

<p>An Assistant Secretary in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</p>

<p>29 July 2022</p>
