

The Building Regulations 2010

Amendments to the Approved Documents

This document contains amendments to the following Approved Document:

Approved Document G: Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency

2015 edition incorporating 2016 amendments

May 2024

Introduction

This document sets out amendments to guidance previously published in Approved Document G: Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency, 2015 edition incorporating the 2016 amendments.

These amendments have been incorporated in the online available Approved Document G. Hard copy versions will need to be read alongside the amendments listed in this document. You should always check the online version to know that you are looking at the most up to date version.

The changes highlighted in this amendment booklet take effect on 1 October 2024 for use in England. The previous edition will continue to apply in relation to building work on a particular building where a building notice, an initial notice or an application for building control approval with full plans, has been given to the relevant authority in respect of that building before the day the new regulations come into force, 1 October 2024, and either the building work to which it relates:

- a. has started and is sufficiently progressed before that day; or
- b. is started and is sufficiently progressed within the period of six months beginning on that day.

Please note that 'building notice', 'initial notice' and 'building control approval application with full plans' have the meanings given in the Building Regulations 2010. For the purpose of these transitional arrangements, building work is to be regarded as 'sufficiently progressed':

- a. where the building work consists of the construction of a building, when the pouring of concrete for the permanent placement of the trench, pad or raft foundations has started, or the permanent placement of piling has started;
- b. where the building work consists of work to an existing building, when that work has started; or
- c. where the building work consists of a material change of use of a building, when work to effect that change of use has started.

Full details of the changes are provided below.

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G4: Sanitary convenience and washing facilities**Page 29** **Replace** paragraphs 4.1 to 4.6 inclusive with the following.

- 4.1** Attention is also drawn to the requirements for accessible sanitary conveniences and hand washing facilities of Part M (Access to and use of buildings) of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010 and to Approved Document M and to the Regulators' performance specification made under the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 (SI 1999/1148 as amended) for WC suites.
- 4.2** The requirement T1 for specific types of toilet accommodation in buildings other than dwellings is in Part T (Toilet accommodation) of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010. Approved Document T provides guidance on how to meet requirement T1 with the provision of the following types of toilet accommodation:
- Type A** – Fully enclosed self-contained ambulant universal toilet
- Type B** – Fully enclosed self-contained universal toilet
- Type C** – Ambulant single-sex toilet cubicle (not self-contained)
- Type D** – Single-sex toilet cubicle (not self-contained)
- 4.3** Requirement for ventilation is in Part F (Ventilation) of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010. Guidance on ventilation of sanitary accommodation is given in Approved Document F
- 4.4** The number, type and siting of sanitary conveniences, including separate provision for men and women, for staff in workplaces are also subject to the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992. Attention is drawn to the Approved Code of Practice issued with respect to those Regulations. Requirement T1 sets a requirement for the provision of specific facilities that should be provided in addition to requirements for general sanitary provision under the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.

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- 4.5** Further guidance on washbasins associated with sanitary conveniences may be found in the Food Standards Agency's Code of Practice *Food hygiene – a guide for businesses*.
- 4.6** Guidance on the selection, installation and maintenance of sanitary appliances including composting toilets may be found in **BS 6465-3**.
- 4.7** Where hot and cold taps are provided on a sanitary appliance, the hot tap should be on the left.

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Page 29 **Replace** paragraph 4.11 with the following.

- 4.12** Guidance on the provision of activity space around sanitary appliances is given in **BS 6465-2**.

Page 30 **Replace** paragraph 4.14 with the following.

- 4.15** Further guidance on the provision of sanitary conveniences can be found in **BS 6465-1**. This may be used for those building types not set out in paragraph 4.13 above or for those workplaces where the applicant wishes to provide more than the minimum recommended in the Approved Code of Practice, for example, to deliver equivalent provision for men and women. Approved Document T provides guidance on the arrangement of sanitary appliances to meet requirement T1.

Replace paragraph 4.15 with the following.

- 4.16** A sanitary convenience may be provided in:
- a. a self-contained room which also contains hand washing facilities;
 - b. in a cubicle with shared hand washing facilities located in a room containing a number of cubicles; or
 - c. in a self-contained room with hand washing facilities provided in an adjacent room.

Note: Refer to Approved Document T for guidance on meeting requirement T1.

Replace paragraph 4.18 with the following.

- 4.19** Guidance on the provision of activity space around sanitary appliances is given in **BS 6465-2**.

Page 33 **Replace** paragraph 5.7 with the following.

- 5.7** Guidance on the provision of activity space around sanitary appliances is given in **BS 6465-2**.

Note: Refer to Appendix D of Approved Document T for guidance on minimum depth and width dimensions for activity spaces for toilet accommodation.

Replace paragraph 5.8 with the following.

- 5.8** The number of fixed baths or showers and washbasins in buildings with rooms for residential purposes should be in accordance with **BS 6465-1**.

Appendix C – References

Page 47 **Replace** BS 6465-1:2006 + A1:2009 *Sanitary installations. Code of practice for the design of sanitary facilities and scales of provision of sanitary and associated appliances*. BSI, 2006 with the following.

BS 6465-1 *Sanitary installations. Code of practice for the design of sanitary facilities and scales of provision of sanitary and associated appliances* [2006 + A1:2009].

Replace BS 6465-2:1996 *Sanitary installations. Code of practice for space requirements for sanitary appliances*. BSI, 1996 with the following.

BS 6465-2 *Sanitary installations. Space recommendations. Code of Practice for sanitary appliances* [2017].

Replace BS 6465-3:2006 *Sanitary installations. Code of practice for the selection, installation and maintenance of sanitary and associated appliances*. BSI, 2006 with the following.

BS 6465-3 *Sanitary installations. Code of practice for the selection, installation and maintenance of sanitary and associated appliances* [2020].

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