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THE BUILDING ACT 1984

THE BUILDING REGULATIONS 2010

REVISED APPROVED DOCUMENT L, VOLUMES 1 AND 2

REVISED APPROVED DOCUMENT F, VOLUME 1

INTRODUCTION

1. On behalf of the Secretary of State, I draw your attention to the revision of Approved Document L (Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions), volumes 1 and 2, and Approved Document F (Ventilation), volume 1, 2026 editions to correct minor errors.
2. The purpose of this Circular is to:
   - draw attention to the revision of the Approved Documents L, volumes 1 and 2, Approved Document F, volume 1.
3. Annex A sets out the Notice of Approval of revision of the Approved Documents giving practical guidance with respect of the Building Regulations 2010.
4. This Circular does not give advice on the technical requirements in the Building Regulations 2010 as these are matters covered by the Approved Documents and other approved methodologies.

APPLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS AND GUIDANCE

5. The updated Approved Documents apply only to buildings and building work in England.

APPROVED DOCUMENTS

6. Annex A sets out the Notice of Approval of revision of the Approved Documents giving practical guidance with respect of the Building Regulations 2010, subject to transitional provisions.
7. 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)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISION

8. The revised Approved Documents will take effect on 24 March 2027, except in relation to higher-risk building (HRB) work or work to an existing HRB, for which the approval takes effect on 24 September 2027, and subject in each case to the transitional provisions described in the MHCLG Circular 01/2026.

ENQUIRIES

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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	
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 the revisions to the documents listed below for the purposes of giving practical guidance with respect to the specified requirements of the Building Regulations 2010. The approval takes effect on 24 March 2027, except in relation to higher-risk building (HRB) work or work to an existing HRB, for which the approval takes effect on 24 September 2027, and subject in each case to the transitional provisions described in the MHCLG Circular 01/2026.	
Document and Part Revised	**Requirements of the Building Regulations 2010 in respect of which the document is approved**
Approved Document F, Ventilation (2026 edition) Volume 1: Dwellings • Paragraph 1.79	Regulations 39, 40C, 42, 44 and Schedule 1: Part F
Approved Document L, Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2026 edition) Volume 1: Dwellings • Table 1.2 • Paragraph 2.10b • Table 2.1 • Paragraph 3.4b and 3.4c • Table 3.1 • Paragraph 5.68	Regulations 6, 11F, 22, 23(1), 23(2) 24, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26A, 26C, 27, 27A, 27C, 28, 40, 40A, 40C, 43, 44, 44ZA and Schedule 1, Part L
Approved Document L, Energy and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (2026 edition) Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellings • Table 1.2 • Paragraph 2.7b • Paragraph 3.2b and 3.2c • Table 3.1 • Appendix G	Regulations 6, 22, 23, 24, 25, 25A, 25B, 26, 26C, 27, 27C, 28, 40, 40A, 43, 44, 44ZA and Schedule 1, Part L
Signed by authority of the Secretary of State	Keeran Jugdoyal Deputy Director, New Build Standards and Performance 8 September 2026