



Deregulation Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 20

Housing and development

42 **Optional building requirements** **E+W+S**

After section 2A of the Building Act 1984 insert—

“2B Optional requirements

- (1) Building regulations made by the Secretary of State in relation to England may include a requirement that applies only where a planning authority makes compliance with the requirement a condition of a grant of planning permission.
- (2) In the following provisions of this section, a requirement included in building regulations by virtue of subsection (1) is referred to as an “optional requirement”.
- (3) Building regulations may specify that an optional requirement is capable of applying only in respect of development of a kind described in the regulations.
- (4) Building regulations may specify conditions that must be satisfied before a planning authority may make compliance with an optional requirement a condition of the grant of planning permission.
- (5) Building regulations may specify the steps that a planning authority must take to inform a person subject to an optional requirement of the requirement.
- (6) Where building regulations include an optional requirement that would (to any extent) be inconsistent with another requirement imposed by the regulations, the building regulations must provide—
 - (a) that the other requirement does not apply in any case where the optional requirement applies, or
 - (b) that the other requirement applies in any such case with modifications specified in the regulations.
- (7) In this section —

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“development” has the same meaning as in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (see section 55 of that Act);

“planning authority” means—

- (a) a local planning authority within the meaning of that Act (see section 336(1));
- (b) the Secretary of State (in the exercise of functions of granting planning permission);

“planning permission” has the same meaning as in that Act (see section 336(1)).”

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2015/994 art. 13 Sch. by [S.I. 2015/1405 art. 2\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 110A inserted by [2016 c. 12 s. 16\(1\)](#)