
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 2214

The Building Regulations 2010

PART 3

Notices, Plans and Certificates

Giving of a building notice or deposit of plans

- 12.—(1) This regulation applies to a person who intends to—
- (a) carry out building work;
 - (b) replace or renovate a thermal element in a building to which the energy efficiency requirements apply;
 - (c) make a change to a building's energy status; or
 - (d) make a material change of use.
- (2) Subject to the following provisions of this regulation, a person to whom this regulation applies shall—
- (a) give to the local authority a building notice in accordance with regulation 13; or
 - (b) deposit full plans with the local authority in accordance with regulation 14.
- (3) A person intending to carry out building work in relation to a building to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005^{M1} applies, or will apply after the completion of the building work, shall deposit full plans.
- (4) A person intending to carry out building work which includes the erection of a building fronting onto a private street shall deposit full plans.
- (5) A person intending to carry out building work in relation to which paragraph H4 of Schedule 1 imposes a requirement shall deposit full plans.
- (6) A person intending to carry out building work is not required to give a building notice or deposit full plans where the work consists only of work—
- (a) described in column 1 of the Table in Schedule 3 if the work is to be carried out by a person described in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that Table; ^{F1}[^{F2}or]
 - (b) described in Schedule 4^{F3}[^{F4}; or
 - (c) described in column 1 of the Table in Schedule 3A if the work is to be inspected by a person described in the corresponding entry in column 2 of that Table (a “third party certifier”) who has been appointed by the person intending to carry out the building work before the commencement of that work].
- ^{F5}[^{F6}(6A) A person intending to carry out building work in relation to which Part P of Schedule 1 imposes a requirement is required to give a building notice or deposit full plans where the work consists of—
- (a) the installation of a new circuit;

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- (b) the replacement of a consumer unit; or
- (c) any addition or alteration to existing circuits in a special location.]

(7) Where regulation 19 of the Building (Approved Inspectors etc) Regulations 2010 ^{M2} (local authority powers in relation to partly completed work) applies, the owner shall comply with the requirements of that regulation instead of with this regulation.

(8) Where—

- (a) a person proposes to carry out building work which consists of emergency repairs;
- (b) it is not practicable to comply with paragraph (2) before commencing the work; and
- (c) paragraph (6) does not apply,

the person shall give a building notice to the local authority as soon as reasonably practicable after commencement of the work.

(9) In this regulation—

“fronting” has the meaning given in section 203(3) of the Highways Act 1980 ^{M3}; ^{F7} ^{F8} and]

“private street” has the meaning given in section 203(2) of the Highways Act 1980 ^{M4F9} ... ^{F10};

^{F11} “special location” means—

- (a) within a room containing a bath or shower, the space surrounding a bath tap or shower head, where the space extends—
 - (i) vertically from the finished floor level to—
 - (aa) a height of 2.25 metres; or
 - (bb) the position of the shower head where it is attached to a wall or ceiling at a point higher than 2.25 metres from that level; and
 - (ii) horizontally—
 - (aa) where there is a bath tub or shower tray, from the edge of the bath tub or shower tray to a distance of 0.6 metres; or
 - (bb) where there is no bath tub or shower tray, from the centre point of the shower head where it is attached to the wall or ceiling to a distance of 1.2 metres; or
- (b) a room containing a swimming pool or sauna heater.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in [reg. 12\(6\)](#) omitted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2014) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/579\)](#), [regs. 1\(4\), 2\(3\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#)) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]
- F2** Word "or" in [reg. 12\(6\)\(a\)](#) inserted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 5\(1\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with [reg. 29](#))
- F3** [Reg. 12\(6\)\(c\)](#) and word "; or" omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 5\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)\(iii\)](#) (with [reg. 29](#))
- F4** [Reg. 12\(6\)\(c\)](#) and word inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2014) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/579\)](#), [regs. 1\(4\), 2\(3\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#)) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]

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- F5** Reg. 12(6A) omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(1)(b)** (with reg. 29)
- F6** Reg. 12(6A) inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 6(a)**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by [S.I. 2013/181](#), reg. 5, Sch.) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]
- F7** Word in reg. 12(9) omitted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 6(b)(i)**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by [S.I. 2013/181](#), reg. 5, Sch.) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]
- F8** Word "and" in reg. 12(9) omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(1)(c)(i)** (with reg. 29)
- F9** Reg. 12(9): full stop omitted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 6(b)(ii)**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by [S.I. 2013/181](#), reg. 5, Sch.)
- F10** Words in reg. 12(9) inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 6(b)(ii)**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by [S.I. 2013/181](#), reg. 5, Sch.) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]
- F11** Definition of "special location" in reg. 12(9) omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(1)(c)(ii)** (with reg. 29)

Marginal Citations

- M1** [S.I. 2005/1541](#).
- M2** [S.I. 2010/2215](#).
- M3** [1980 c. 66](#).
- M4** Section 203(2) was amended by paragraph 45(11) of Schedule 2 to the [Planning \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1990 \(c.11\)](#) and Part 5 of Schedule 19 to the [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c.34\)](#).

Particulars and plans where a building notice is given

13.—(1) A building notice shall state the name and address of the person intending to carry out the work and shall be signed by that person or on that person's behalf, and shall contain or be accompanied by—

- (a) a statement that it is given for the purpose of regulation 12(2)(a);
- (b) a description of the proposed building work, renovation or replacement of a thermal element, change to the building's energy status or material change of use; ^{F12}[^{F13}and]
- (c) particulars of the location of the building to which the proposal relates and the use or intended use of that building ^{F14}[^{F15}; and
- (d) in the case of a new dwelling—
 - (i) a statement whether or not any optional requirement applies to the building work, and if so which, or
 - (ii) a statement that planning permission has not yet been granted for the work, and that the information required by subparagraph (i) will be supplied before the end of a period of twenty eight days beginning on the day after that permission is granted].

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^{F16}^{F17}(1A) In the case of a new dwelling, where a statement under paragraph (1)(d)(ii) has accompanied the building notice, a statement in the terms required by paragraph (1)(d)(i) must be provided to the local authority before the end of a period of twenty eight days beginning on the day after planning permission is granted for the building work, and the statement must state that it is supplementary to the information given in respect of the work pursuant to paragraph (1)(d).]

(2) In the case of the erection or extension of a building, a building notice shall be accompanied by—

- (a) a plan to a scale of not less than 1:1250 showing—
 - (i) the size and position of the building, or the building as extended, and its relationship to adjoining boundaries;
 - (ii) the boundaries of the curtilage of the building, or the building as extended, and the size, position and use of every other building or proposed building within that curtilage;
 - (iii) the width and position of any street on or within the boundaries of the curtilage of the building or the building as extended;
- (b) a statement specifying the number of storeys (each basement level being counted as one storey), in the building to which the proposal relates; and
- (c) particulars of—
 - (i) the provision to be made for the drainage of the building or extension; and
 - (ii) the steps to be taken to comply with any local enactment which applies.

(3) Where a building notice has been given, a person carrying out building work, renovation or replacement of a thermal element, change to the building's energy status or making a material change of use shall give the local authority, within such time as they specify, such plans as are, in the particular case, necessary for the discharge of their functions in relation to building regulations and are specified by them in writing.

(4) Neither a building notice nor plans which accompany it or are given under paragraph (3) are to be treated for the purposes of section 16 of the Act as having been deposited in accordance with building regulations.

(5) A building notice shall cease to have effect on the expiry of three years from the date on which that notice was given to the local authority, unless before the expiry of that period—

- (a) the building work to which the notice related was commenced; or
- (b) the change to the building's energy status or the material change of use described in the notice was made.

Textual Amendments

- F12** Word in [reg. 13\(1\)](#) omitted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (1.10.2015) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/767\)](#), [regs. 1\(4\)\(b\), 2\(5\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with [regs. 1\(3\), 4](#)) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]
- F13** Word in [reg. 13\(1\)\(b\)](#) inserted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 5\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with [reg. 29](#))
- F14** [Reg. 13\(1\)\(d\)](#) and word "; or" omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), [regs. 1\(2\), 5\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)\(iii\)](#) (with [reg. 29](#))
- F15** [Reg. 13\(1\)\(d\)](#) and word inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (1.10.2015) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/767\)](#), [regs.](#)

1(4)(b), **2(5)(a)(ii)** (with regs. 1(3), 4) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]

F16 Reg. 13(1A) omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/558), regs. 1(2), **5(2)(b)** (with reg. 29)

F17 Reg. 13(1A) inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (1.10.2015) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#) (S.I. 2015/767), regs. 1(4)(b), **2(5)(b)** (with regs. 1(3), 4) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]

Full plans

14.—(1) Full plans shall be accompanied by a statement that they are deposited for the purpose of regulation 12(2)(b).

- (a) (2) (a) Full plans shall be deposited in duplicate, of which the local authority may retain one copy; and
- (b) where Part B of Schedule 1 (fire safety) imposes a requirement in relation to proposed building work, an additional two copies of any such plans as demonstrate compliance with that requirement shall be deposited, both of which may be retained by the local authority.

(3) Full plans shall consist of—

- (a) a description of the proposed building work, renovation or replacement of a thermal element, change to the building's energy status or material change of use, and the plans, particulars and statements required by paragraphs (1) ^{F18}[^{F19}, (1A)] and (2) of regulation 13;
- (b) where paragraph H4 of Schedule 1 imposes a requirement, particulars of the precautions to be taken in building over a drain, sewer or disposal main to comply with the requirements of that paragraph; and
- (c) any other plans which are necessary to show that the work would comply with these Regulations.

(4) Full plans shall be accompanied by a statement as to whether the building is a building in relation to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 applies, or will apply after the completion of the building work.

^{F20}^{F21}(5)

(6) Paragraph (2)(b) shall not require the deposit of additional copies of plans where the proposed building work relates to the erection, extension or material alteration of a dwelling-house or flat.

Textual Amendments

F18 Word in [reg. 14\(3\)\(a\)](#) omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/558), regs. 1(2), **5(3)** (with reg. 29)

F19 Word in [reg. 14\(3\)\(a\)](#) inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (1.10.2015) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2015](#) (S.I. 2015/767), regs. 1(4)(b), **2(6)** (with regs. 1(3), 4) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]

F20 Reg. 14(5) omitted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (9.1.2013) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/3119), [reg. 7](#), Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47)

F21 Reg. 14(5) omitted (W. for remaining purposes) (19.4.2013) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/747), regs. 1(4), **5** (with reg. 1(2)(3))

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Consultation with sewerage undertaker

15.—(1) This regulation applies where full plans have been deposited with the local authority and paragraph H4 of Schedule 1 imposes requirements in relation to the building work which is the subject of those plans.

(2) Where this regulation applies the local authority shall consult the sewerage undertaker—

- (a) as soon as practicable after the plans have been deposited; and
- (b) before issuing any completion certificate in relation to the building work in accordance with regulation 17 ^{F22}[^{F23} or 17A].

(3) Where a local authority are required by paragraph (2) to consult the sewerage undertaker they shall—

- (a) give to the sewerage undertaker, in a case where the authority are consulting them following the deposit of full plans, sufficient plans to show whether the work would, if carried out in accordance with those plans, comply with the applicable requirements of paragraph H4 of Schedule 1;
- (b) have regard to any views expressed by the sewerage undertaker; and
- (c) not pass plans or issue a completion certificate until 15 days have elapsed from the date on which they consulted the sewerage undertaker, unless the sewerage undertaker has expressed its views to them before the expiry of that period.

Textual Amendments

F22 Words in reg. 15(2)(b) substituted (W. for remaining purposes) (19.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/747\)](#), regs. 1(4), 6 (with reg. 1(2)(3))

F23 Words in reg. 15(2)(b) substituted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (9.1.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), reg. 8, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47)

Notice of commencement and completion of certain stages of work

16.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (8) and (9), a person who proposes to carry out building work shall not commence that work unless—

- (a) that person has given the local authority notice of intention to commence work; and
- (b) at least two days have elapsed since the end of the day on which the notice was given.

^{F24}[^{F25}(2) Subject to paragraph (8), a person carrying out building work shall not—

- (a) cover up any excavation for a foundation, any foundation, any damp-proof course or any concrete or other material laid over a site; or
- (b) cover up in any way any drain or sewer to which these Regulations apply, unless that person has given the local authority notice of intention to commence that work, and at least one day has elapsed since the end of the day on which the notice was given.

(3) Subject to paragraph (8), a person who has laid, haunched or covered any drain or sewer in respect of which Part H of Schedule 1 (drainage and waste disposal) imposes a requirement shall give notice to that effect to the local authority not more than five days after the completion of the work.]

[^{F25}(2) Subject to paragraph (8), a person carrying out building work must notify the local authority as required by the authority in accordance with paragraph (3).

(3) Subject to the conditions in paragraphs (3A) and (3B), where a local authority receives notice of intention to commence building work under paragraph (1) they may give the person carrying out the work a notice in writing which—

- (a) requires that person to notify the authority that a specified stage of the work (other than a stage specified in paragraphs (4) and (5)) has been reached; and
- (b) may specify one or more periods of time, applying to each such required notification, which may be either or both of the following—
 - (i) a period before or after the work has been carried out within which the notification must be made; and
 - (ii) a period during which the work concerned must not be covered up.

[^{F26}(3A) A local authority may only specify a stage of the building work in accordance with paragraph (3)(a) if at the time they do so they intend to carry out an inspection of that stage.]

[^{F26}(3B) For the purposes of paragraph (3A) the local authority's intention to carry out an inspection of a stage of building work must be based on their assessment of the risk of breach of these Regulations if they do not inspect the work.]]

(4) Subject to paragraph (8), a person carrying out building work shall, not more than five days after that work has been completed, give the local authority notice to that effect.

(5) Where a building is being erected ^{F27}[^{F28}to which the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 ^{M5} applies, or will apply after the completion of the work], and that building (or any part of it) is to be occupied before completion, the person carrying out that work shall give the local authority at least five days notice before the building or any part of it is occupied.

(6) A person who fails to comply with paragraphs (1) ^{F29}[^{F30}to (3)] [^{F30}or (2)] shall comply within a reasonable time with any notice given by the local authority requiring that person to cut into, lay open or pull down so much of the work as prevents them from ascertaining whether these Regulations have been complied with.

(7) If the local authority have given notice specifying the manner in which any work contravenes the requirements in these Regulations, a person who has carried out any further work to secure compliance with these Regulations shall within a reasonable time after the completion of such further work give notice to the local authority of its completion.

(8) Paragraphs (1) to (4) apply only to a person who is required by regulation 12 to give a building notice or deposit full plans.

(9) Paragraph (1) does not apply where regulation 12(8) applies.

Textual Amendments

- F24** Reg. 16(2)(3) substituted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(a)** (with reg. 29)
- F25** Reg. 16(2)-(3B) substituted for reg. 16(2)(3) (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), reg. 9(a), Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by [S.I. 2013/181](#), reg. 5, [Sch.](#))
- F26** Reg. 16(3A)(3B) omitted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings to match the form in which those sub-provisions apply in relation to W. otherwise) (8.6.2018) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(b)** (with reg. 29)
- F27** Words in reg. 16(5) added (W. for remaining purposes) (19.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/747\)](#), regs. 1(4), **7** (with regs. 1(2)(3), 35, 36)

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- F28** Words in reg. 16(5) added (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 9(b)**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by S.I. 2013/181, reg. 5, Sch.)
- F29** Words in [reg. 16\(6\)](#) substituted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings to match the form in which the text applies in relation to W. otherwise) (8.6.2018) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), **5(4)(c)** (with reg. 29)
- F30** Words in [reg. 16\(6\)](#) substituted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 9(c)**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47) (as amended by S.I. 2013/181, reg. 5, Sch.)

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Completion certificates

17.—^{F31}^{F32}(1) A local authority shall within the specified period give a completion certificate in all cases (including a case where a certificate has already been given under regulation 17A) where they are satisfied, after taking all reasonable steps, that, following completion of building work carried out on it, a building complies with the relevant provisions.

(2) The specified period referred to in paragraph (1) is eight weeks starting from the date on which the person carrying out the building work notifies the local authority that the work has been completed.

(2A) The relevant provisions referred to in paragraph (1) are any applicable requirements of the following provisions—

- (a) regulation 25A (high-efficiency alternative systems for new buildings);
- (b) regulation 26 (target CO² emission rates for new buildings);
- ^{F33}(c) regulation 26A (target fabric energy efficiency requirements for new dwellings);]
- ^{F34}^{F35}(c) regulation 26A (primary energy consumption rates for new buildings),
- (ca) regulation 26B (fabric performance values for new dwellings),]
- (d) regulation 36 (water efficiency of new dwellings);
- (e) regulation 38 (fire safety information); ^{F36}^{F37} ...
- (f) Schedule 1]^{F38}^{F39},
- (g) regulation 7A (energy performance certificates on construction) of the Energy Performance of Buildings (England and Wales) Regulations 2012.]

(4) A certificate given in accordance with this regulation shall be evidence (but not conclusive evidence) that the requirements specified in the certificate have been complied with.

^{F40}^{F41}(5) The certificate must include a statement describing its evidentiary effect, in terms substantially the same as paragraph (4).]

Textual Amendments

F31 Reg. 17(1)-(2A) substituted for reg. 17(1)-(3) (W. for remaining purposes) (19.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/747\)](#), regs. 1(4), **8(a)** (with reg. 1(2)(3))

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- F32** Reg. 17(1)-(2A) substituted for reg. 17(1)-(3) (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (9.1.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), [reg. 10\(a\)](#), Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47)
- F33** Reg. 17(2A)(c) substituted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2016) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/285\)](#), regs. 1(4), [2\(5\)\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#)) [Editorial note: This amendment no longer applies at all in relation to W. from 8.6.2018]
- F34** Words “(primary energy consumption rates for new buildings)” substituted for “(target fabric energy efficiency requirements for new dwellings)” in reg. 17(2A)(c) and reg. 17(2A)(ca) inserted (W. in relation to excepted energy buildings) (8.6.2018) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Excepted Energy Buildings\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/558\)](#), regs. 1(2), [5\(5\)](#) (with [reg. 29](#))
- F35** Reg. 17(2A)(c)(ca) substituted for reg. 17(2A)(c) (W. but not in relation to excepted energy buildings) (17.6.2016) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/611\)](#), regs. 1(4), [2\(5\)\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#))
- F36** Word in reg. 17(2A)(e) omitted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2016) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/285\)](#), regs. 1(4), [2\(5\)\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#))
- F37** Word in reg. 17(2A)(e) omitted (W. for remaining purposes) (17.6.2016) by virtue of [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/611\)](#), regs. 1(4), [2\(5\)\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#))
- F38** Reg. 17(2A)(g) added (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (6.4.2016) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/285\)](#), regs. 1(4), [2\(5\)\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#))
- F39** Reg. 17(2A)(g) and comma substituted for full stop (W. for remaining purposes) (17.6.2016) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(S.I. 2016/611\)](#), regs. 1(4), [2\(5\)\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(3\)](#))
- F40** Reg. 17(5) inserted (W. for remaining purposes) (19.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/747\)](#), regs. 1(4), [8\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#))
- F41** Reg. 17(5) inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (9.1.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), [reg. 10\(b\)](#), Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47)

[^{F42}Certificate for building occupied before work is completed

17A.—(1) A local authority shall within the specified period give a completion certificate in respect of part or all of a building where building work is being carried out and where all of the following circumstances apply—

- (a) part or all of the building is to be occupied before the work is completed;
- (b) the building is subject to the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005; and
- (c) the authority is satisfied, after taking all reasonable steps, that, regardless of completion of the current building work, those parts of the building which are to be occupied before completion of the work currently comply with regulation 38 and Part B of Schedule 1.

(2) The specified period referred to in paragraph (1) is four weeks starting from the date that notice is received by the local authority in accordance with regulation 16(5).

(3) A certificate given in accordance with this regulation shall be evidence (but not conclusive evidence) that the requirements specified in the certificate have been complied with, and the certificate shall contain this wording.

(4) The certificate must include a statement describing its evidentiary effect, in terms substantially the same as paragraph (3).]

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Textual Amendments

- F42** Reg. 17A inserted (E., but only in relation to excepted energy buildings in W.) (9.1.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/3119\)](#), **reg. 11**, Sch. 1 (with regs. 1(3), 45-47)
- Reg. 17A inserted (W. for remaining purposes) (19.4.2013) by [The Building Regulations &c. \(Amendment\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/747\)](#), **regs. 1(4), 9** (with reg. 1(2)(3))

Unauthorised building work

18.—(1) This regulation applies where it appears to a local authority that unauthorised building work has been carried out on or after 11th November 1985.

(2) Where this regulation applies, the owner (in this regulation referred to as “the applicant”) may apply in writing to the local authority for a regularisation certificate in accordance with this regulation, and shall send with the application—

- (a) a statement that the application is made in accordance with this regulation,
- (b) a description of the unauthorised work,
- (c) so far as is reasonably practicable, a plan of the unauthorised work, and
- (d) so far as is reasonably practicable, a plan showing any additional work required to be carried out to secure that the unauthorised work complies with the requirements relating to building work in the building regulations which were applicable to that work when it was carried out (in this regulation referred to as “the relevant requirements”).

(3) Where a local authority receive an application in accordance with this regulation, they may require the applicant to take such reasonable steps, including laying open the unauthorised work for inspection by the authority, making tests and taking samples, as the authority think appropriate to ascertain what work, if any, is required to secure that the relevant requirements are met.

(4) When the applicant has taken any such steps required by the local authority as are described in paragraph (3), and having had regard to any direction given in accordance with sections 8 and 9 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Act dispensing with or relaxing a requirement in building regulations which applies to the unauthorised work, the local authority shall notify the applicant—

- (a) of the work which in their opinion is required to comply with the relevant requirements or those requirements as dispensed with or relaxed, or
- (b) that they cannot determine what work is required to comply with the relevant requirements or those requirements as dispensed with or relaxed, or
- (c) that no work is required to secure compliance with the relevant requirements or those requirements as dispensed with or relaxed.

(5) Where the local authority have been able to satisfy themselves, after taking all reasonable steps for that purpose that—

- (a) the relevant requirements have been satisfied (taking account of any work carried out and any dispensation or relaxation given in accordance with sections 8 and 9 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Act), or
- (b) no work is required to secure that the unauthorised work satisfies the relevant requirements (taking account of any such dispensation or relaxation),

they may give a certificate to that effect (in this regulation referred to as “a regularisation certificate”).

(6) A regularisation certificate shall be evidence (but not conclusive evidence) that the relevant requirements specified in the certificate have been complied with.

(7) Where this regulation applies, regulations 12 and 14 shall not apply, and neither the supply of plans nor the taking of any other action in accordance with this regulation is to be treated for the purposes of section 16 of the Act as the deposit of plans in accordance with building regulations.

(8) In this regulation, “unauthorised building work” means building work other than work in relation to which an initial notice, an amendment notice or a public body's notice has effect, which is done without—

- (a) a building notice being given to the local authority;
- (b) full plans of the work being deposited with the local authority; or
- (c) a notice of commencement of work being given, in accordance with regulation 16(1), where a building notice has been given or full plans have been deposited.

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