

Approved Documents

There is no obligation for you to adopt any particular solution contained in an Approved Document if you prefer to satisfy the relevant requirement in some other way. However, should it be alleged that you have contravened the regulations, providing you have followed the guidance set out in the relevant Approved Document that will be the evidence tending to show that you have complied. If you choose not to follow the guidance then it will be up to you to demonstrate by other means that you have satisfied the functional requirements of the regulations.

Approved Document A - (2004 Edition with 2010 and 2013 amendments)

- A1 Loading
- A2 Ground Movement
- A3 Disproportionate Collapse

Approved Document B - Fire Safety (2006 edition with 2010 and 2013 amendments)

Volume 1 – Dwelling houses

- B1 Means of warning and escape
- B2 Internal fire spread (linings)
- B3 Internal fire spread (structure)
- B4 External fire spread
- B5 Access and facilities for the Fire Service

Volume 2 – Buildings other than dwelling houses

- B1 Means of warning and escape
- B2 Internal fire spread (linings)
- B3 Internal fire spread (structure)
- B4 External fire spread
- B5 Access and facilities for the Fire Service

Approved Document C - Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture (2004 Edition with 2010 and 2013 amendments)

- C1 Site preparation and resistance to contaminants
- C2 Resistance to moisture

Approved Document D - Toxic substances (1992 Edition incorporating 2002 and 2010 amendments)

- D1 Cavity insulation

Approved Document E - Resistance to the passage of sound (2003 Edition incorporating 2004, 201, 2013 and 2015 amendments)

- E1 Protection against sound from other parts of the building and adjoining buildings
- E2 Protection against sound within a dwelling house etc
- E3 Reverberation in the common internal parts of buildings containing flats or rooms for residential purposes
- E4 Acoustic conditions in schools

Approved Document F - Ventilation (2010 Edition)

- F1 Means of ventilation.

Approved Document G - Hygiene (2015 Edition)

- G1 Cold water supply
- G2 Water efficiency
- G3 Hot water supply and systems
- G4 Sanitary conveniences and washing facilities
- G5 Bathrooms
- G6 Kitchens and food preparation areas

Approved Document H - Drainage and waste disposal (2015 edition)

- H1 Foul water drainage
- H2 Wastewater treatment systems and cesspools
- H3 Rainwater drainage
- H4 Building Over Sewers
- H5 Separate systems of drainage
- H6 Solid waste storage

Approved Document J - Combustion appliances and fuel storage systems (2010 edition)

- J1 Air Supply
- J2 Discharge of products or combustion
- J2A Warning of release of carbon monoxide
- J3 Protection of building
- J4 Provision of information
- J5 Protection of liquid fuel storage systems
- J6 Protection against pollution

Approved Document K - Protection from falling, collision and impact (2013 edition)

- K1 Stairs, ladders and ramps
- K2 Protection from falling
- K3 Vehicle barriers and loading bays
- K4 Protection against impact with glazing
- K5 Additional provisions for glazing in buildings other than dwellings
- K6 Protection against impact from and trapping by doors

Approved Document L - Conservation of fuel and power

- L1A Conservation of fuel and power in new dwellings (2013 Edition)
- L1B Conservation of fuel and power in existing dwellings (2010 Edition with 2011 and 2013 amendments)
- L2A Conservation of fuel and power in new buildings other than dwellings (2013 Edition)
- L2B Conservation of fuel and power in existing buildings other than dwellings (2010 Edition with 2011 and 2013 amendments)

Approved Document M - Access to and use of buildings (2015 editions)

Volume 1 – Dwellings

- M4(1) Category 1: Visitable dwellings
- M4(2) Category 2: Accessible and adaptable dwellings
- M4(3) Category 3: Wheelchair user dwellings

Volume 2 – Buildings other than dwellings

- M1 Access and use of buildings other than dwellings
- M2 Access to extensions to buildings other than dwellings
- M3 Sanitary conveniences in extensions to buildings other than dwellings

Approved Document P - Electrical Safety – Dwellings (2013 edition)

- P1 Design and installation of electrical installations

Approved Document Q - Security – Dwellings (2015 edition)

- Q1 Unauthorised access

Approved Document to support Regulation 7 - Materials and workmanship (1992 incorporating 2000 amendments)

- Regulation 7

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