

## The Building Regulations 2010

# Amendments to the Approved Documents

This document contains amendments to the following  
Approved Document:

**Approved Document 7 – Materials and workmanship  
2013 edition**

November 2018

For use in England\*

## Introduction

This document sets out amendments to guidance previously published in Approved Document 7 Materials and workmanship 2013 edition. These amendments are incorporated in the on-line available Approved Document 7 in November 2018. Previous hard copy versions will need to be amended as per the changes listed in this document.

The Approved Document takes effect on 21 December 2018 for use in England\*. The 2013 edition will continue to apply where a building notice or an initial notice has been given to, or full plans deposited with, a local authority before 21 December 2018 and either the building work to which it relates:

(a) has started before that day; or

(b) is started within the period of two months beginning on that day.

Please note that “building notice”, “initial notice” and “full plans” have the meanings given in the Building Regulations 2010.

\* This approved document gives guidance for compliance with the Building Regulations for building work carried out in England. It also applies to building work carried out on excepted energy buildings in Wales as defined in the Welsh Ministers (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2009.

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**Regulation 7 of the Building Regulations**

**Page 2** **Replace** the regulation text with the following.

**Regulation**

**Materials and workmanship**

- 7.** (1) Building work shall be carried out—
- (a) with adequate and proper materials which—
    - (i) are appropriate for the circumstances in which they are used,
    - (ii) are adequately mixed or prepared, and
    - (iii) are applied, used or fixed so as adequately to perform the functions for which they are designed; and
  - (b) in a workmanlike manner.

**Materials**

**Page 6** **Insert** the following new heading and paragraph.

**Non-combustible materials in external walls of tall buildings**

**1.28** The Building Regulations restrict the use of combustible **materials** in the external walls of certain buildings over 18m in height. Refer to regulation 7(2) of the Building Regulations and to Approved Document B: volume 2, part B4 for details.

# List of approved documents

The following publications give practical guidance on how to meet the Building Regulations. You can find the date of the edition approved by the Secretary of State at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

## Approved Document A

Structure

## Approved Document B

Fire safety

Volume 1: Dwellinghouses

Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellinghouses

## Approved Document C

Site preparation and resistance to contaminants and moisture

## Approved Document D

Toxic substances

## Approved Document E

Resistance to the passage of sound

## Approved Document F

Ventilation

## Approved Document G

Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency

## Approved Document H

Drainage and waste disposal

## Approved Document J

Combustion appliances and fuel storage systems

## Approved Document K

Protection from falling, collision and impact

## Approved Document L1A

Conservation of fuel and power in new dwellings

## Approved Document L1B

Conservation of fuel and power in existing dwellings

## Approved Document L2A

Conservation of fuel and power in new buildings other than dwellings

## Approved Document L2B

Conservation of fuel and power in existing buildings other than dwellings

## Approved Document M

Access to and use of buildings

Volume 1: Dwellings

Volume 2: Buildings other than dwellings

## Approved Document P

Electrical safety – Dwellings

## Approved Document Q

Security – Dwellings

## Approved Document R

Physical infrastructure for high-speed electronic communications networks

## Approved Document 7

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