If you are currently building / developing, the amended Part L Buildings Regulations 2007: Conservation of Fuel and Energy apply to your project!

Applicable to new buildings not ‘substantially’ complete by 1st JULY 2009


The amendments aim that all new residential housing stock will be built to the highest standards possible ensuring homes will be cheaper to run and will have a lower impact on the environment. The principle requirement of Part L is for a 40% reduction in energy consumption and a 31% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions associated with heating, domestic hot water and lighting.

Dates for implementation of the amendments to Part L:

- All new homes and extensions to existing homes where planning permission is sought on or after July 1 2008.
- TGD Part L 2006 edition may still be used for new dwellings, where the work, material alteration or the change of use commences or takes place on or before 30th June 2008.
- Where planning approval or permission has been applied for on or before 30 June 2008 and substantial work has NOT been completed by 1 July 2009. In other words projects that do not have external walls fully erected by 1 July 2009 must meet the new requirements.
- Where the works involve the installation of oil or gas fired boilers in either a new or existing dwelling, the relevant aspects of this guidance applies to works undertaken after the 31 March 2008.

The Government has pledged to introduce further amendments to Part L requirements by 2010 to achieve greater energy efficiency to reduce energy consumption to 60%. As a result, it is in the interest of all new housing developments coming on stream in the future to exceed the minimum requirements so that they will comply with future regulations. Many Local Authorities have already set a mandatory 60 % reduction in heat energy demand and associated carbon dioxide emissions.