



Building Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 55

PART IV

GENERAL

Interpretation

121 Meaning of “building”.

- (1) The word “building”, for the purposes of—
- Part I of this Act, and
 - any other enactment (whether or not contained in this Act) that relates to building regulations, or that mentions “buildings” or “a building” in a context from which it appears that those expressions are there intended to have the same meaning as in Part I of this Act,
- means any permanent or temporary building, and, unless the context otherwise requires, it includes any other structure or erection of whatever kind or nature (whether permanent or temporary).
- (2) In subsection (1) above, “structure or erection” includes a vehicle, vessel, hovercraft, aircraft or other movable object of any kind in such circumstances as may be prescribed (being circumstances that in the opinion of the [^{F1}appropriate national authority] justify treating it for those purposes as a building).
- (3) For the purposes mentioned in subsection (1) above, unless the context otherwise requires—
- a reference to a building includes a reference to part of a building and
 - a reference to the provision of services, fittings and equipment in or in connection with buildings, or to services, fittings and equipment so provided, includes a reference to the affixing of things to buildings or, as the case may be, to things so affixed.

[^{F2}(4) Nothing in this section applies in relation to [section 120D](#) or [120I](#).]

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