
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

1. The Building Regulations 2000 (S.I.2000/2531 amended by S.I. 2001/3335) impose requirements on people carrying out certain building operations. These Regulations amend the 2000 Regulations. In addition to minor and drafting amendments, the following changes are made.

2. The exemption from the need to give a building notice or deposit full plans given by regulation 12(5) is extended to the cases specified in new Schedule 2A and the requirement for notification of commencement and completion of certain stages of work in regulation 15(1) to (4) is disapplied in relation to such cases (regulations 2(2) and (3) and the Schedule).

3. A new regulation 16A makes special provision for building work consisting of the installation of replacement windows, rooflights, roof windows and doors in existing buildings. It authorises a local authority to accept, as evidence that the work complies with regulations 4 and 7, a certificate to that effect by a person registered under the Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme. Regulation 16A also provides for the notification of the completion of work where no certificate is to be given (regulation 2(4)).

4. Regulation 3 contains a transitional provision.

5. Section 59(5) of the Building Act 1984, which was inserted by regulation 3(4)(b) of the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2001, is renumbered as subsection (6) in the light of amendments made by the Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2001 (regulation 4).

6. A Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations. A copy may be obtained from Buildings Regulations Division, DTLR, Zone 3/A1, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU (Tel: 020 7944 5755, Fax: 020 7944 5739; Email: bregsa.br@dtlr.gov.uk).

7. Details of the schemes referred to in these Regulations can be obtained from the following addresses—

Fenestration Self-Assessment Scheme—Fensa Ltd, 44-48 Borough High Street, London SE1 1XB (Tel: 020 7207 5874; Fax 020 7357 7458)

Oil Firing Registration Scheme—OFTEC, Century House, 100 High Street, Banstead, Surrey SM7 2NN (Tel: 01737 373311; Fax: 01737 373553)

Registration Scheme for Companies and Engineers involved in the Installation and Maintenance of Domestic Solid Fuel Fired Equipment—HETAS Ltd, 12 Kestrel Walk, Letchworth, Hertfordshire SG6 2TB (Tel: 01462 634721; Fax: 01462 674329)

Approved Contractor Person Scheme (Building Regulations)—Institute of Plumbing, 64 Station Lane, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6NH (Tel: 01708 472791; Fax: 01708 448987).