

2009 No. 272 (C. 17)

BUILDING REGULATIONS

**The Building Regulations (2009 Amendment Act)
(Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009**

Made - - - -

21st July 2009

The Department of Finance and Personnel, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 15(4) of the Building Regulations (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009(a), makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Building Regulations (2009 Amendment Act) (Commencement) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009.

Commencement

2. The following provisions of the Building Regulations (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009 shall come into operation on 31st August 2009, that is to say:

- (a) Section 1 (Building regulations);
- (b) Section 2 (Protected buildings);
- (c) Section 3 (Building Regulations Advisory Committee);
- (d) Section 4(c);
- (e) Section 10 (False or misleading statements).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 21st July 2009.



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A senior officer of the
Department of Finance and Personnel

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for the coming into operation on 31st August 2009 of section 1, section 2, section 3, section 4(c), and section 10 of the Building Regulations (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2009.

Section 1 introduces a definition of low or zero carbon systems into the Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (NI 16) (“the principal Order”). It also introduces into Schedule 1 to the principal Order a number of new matters for which building regulations may be made.

Section 2 requires district councils to take account of the desirability of preserving the character of protected buildings in carrying out their functions under building regulations.

Section 3 amends the principal Order to require nominations to the Building Regulations Advisory Committee to come from “persons” rather than “bodies”.

Section 4(c) expands Article 5(5) of the principal Order to allow building regulations to be made for the purposes of preserving or enhancing the environment and to promote sustainable development.

Section 10 creates a new offence to knowingly or recklessly submit false or misleading information for the purposes of securing building regulations approval.

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