



Building Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 55

PART II

SUPERVISION OF BUILDING WORK ETC. OTHERWISE THAN BY [^{F1}BUILDING CONTROL AUTHORITIES]

Supervision of plans and work by [^{F1}registered building control approvers]

51 Final certificates.

[^{F1}(1) Where [^{F2}a registered building control approver] is satisfied that any work to which an initial notice given by [^{F3}them] relates has been completed, [^{F4}they] shall give to the local authority by whom the initial notice was accepted such certificate with respect to the completion of the work and the discharge of [^{F5}their] functions as may be prescribed (called a “final certificate”).]

(2) Section 50(5) to (7) above has effect in relation to a final certificate as if any reference in those subsections to a plans certificate were a reference to a final certificate.

(3) Where a final certificate—

- (a) has been given with respect to any of the work [^{F6}to which an initial notice relates], and
- (b) has been accepted by the local authority concerned,

the initial notice ceases to apply to that work, but section 48(1) above continues to apply, by virtue of this subsection, in relation to that work as if the initial notice continued in force in relation to it.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 51(1) substituted (14.10.1996) by [S.I. 1996/1905, art.4](#)

F2 Words in s. 51(1) substituted (6.4.2024 except in relation to W., 6.4.2024 for W.) by [Building Safety Act 2022 \(c. 30\), s. 170\(4\)\(b\)\(c\), Sch. 4 para. 7\(a\)](#); [S.I. 2024/104, reg. 2\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#)); [S.I. 2024/207, reg. 2\(d\)\(x\)](#) (with [regs. 3, 4, 6, 8-12](#))

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- F3** Word in s. 51(1) substituted (6.4.2024 except in relation to W., 6.4.2024 for W.) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), s. 170(4)(b)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 7(b)**; S.I. 2024/104, reg. 2(b) (with reg. 3); S.I. 2024/207, reg. 2(d)(x) (with regs. 3, 4, 6, 8-12)
- F4** Word in s. 51(1) substituted (6.4.2024 except in relation to W., 6.4.2024 for W.) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), s. 170(4)(b)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 7(c)**; S.I. 2024/104, reg. 2(b) (with reg. 3); S.I. 2024/207, reg. 2(d)(x) (with regs. 3, 4, 6, 8-12)
- F5** Word in s. 51(1) substituted (6.4.2024 except in relation to W., 6.4.2024 for W.) by Building Safety Act 2022 (c. 30), s. 170(4)(b)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 7(d)**; S.I. 2024/104, reg. 2(b) (with reg. 3); S.I. 2024/207, reg. 2(d)(x) (with regs. 3, 4, 6, 8-12)
- F6** Words in s. 51(3)(a) substituted (14.10.1996) by S.I. 1996/1905, **art. 3(5)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 51(1) restricted (*prosp.*) by Smoke Detectors Act 1991 (c. 37, SIF 15), **ss. 5(3), 7(3)**.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(1A)(d) inserted by [2015 c. 7 s. 37\(2\)](#)
- s. 44(11) inserted by [2004 c. 22 s. 3\(8\)](#)
- s. 79A inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 65](#)
- s. 95(5) inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 60\(2\)](#)
- s. 131A inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 59](#)
- s. 131B inserted by [2022 c. 30 s. 60\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 7A inserted by [2015 c. 7 s. 37\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 7A(4) words substituted by [2022 c. 30 Sch. 5 para. 83\(5\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The insertion of Sch. 1 para. 7A by [2015 c. 7, s. 37\(4\)](#) is still prospective.)