Building Regulations Part L and Part J

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EU energy agenda 20-20-20

Domestic Environment & Economic Policy

Climate change

Sustainability

Security

Competitiveness
Climate Change Policy

Effort Sharing targets for 2020 compared to 2005 emissions levels

2020 emissions compared to 2005

IRLAND
NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY 2007-2012

OUR SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
A FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR IRELAND

SUMMARY
Total Primary Energy Requirement by Sector

- Residential: 26.5%
- Commercial / Public: 16.3%
- Industry: 20.8%
- Agriculture: 2.3%
- Transport: 34.1%

Ref: SEAI Energy in Ireland 1990-2009
Contribution of Buildings to National Energy Reduction 2020 Targets

- Transport Sector: 20%
- Energy Supply Sector: 2%
- Other Residential and Business & Public Sector incentives: 49%
- Building Regulations: 29%

Source: NEEAP 2009
Buildings Policy and Regulations


of 19 May 2010

on the energy performance of buildings

(recast)

**Cost Optimal**
Requires that minimum energy performance requirements for new buildings or building units or buildings undergoing major renovation are set with a view to achieving cost-optimal levels.

**Nearly Zero Energy Buildings**
Member States shall ensure that:
(a) by 31 December 2020, all new buildings are nearly zero-energy buildings; and
(b) after 31 December 2018, new buildings occupied and owned by public authorities are nearly zero-energy buildings.

‘Nearly Zero-Energy Building’ means a building that has a **very high energy performance**. The nearly zero or very low amount of energy required should be covered to a **very significant** extent by energy from **renewable sources**, including energy from renewable sources produced **on-site or nearby**;
Cost Optimal Implementation

• Cost Optimal is a delegated Act of the Recast EPBD

• The Cost Optimal Regulation was published on 16 Jan 2012

• A guideline document to support the Regulation was published 19 April 2012

• MS are to submit calculations and gap analysis by 21st March 2013

• AECOM contracted by DECLG and SEAI to deliver calculations for submission to Commission
Calculations

Investor Perspective

\[ C_g(\tau) = C_I + \sum_j \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \left( C_{a,i}(j) \times R_d(i) \right) - V_{f,\tau}(j) \right] \]

- \( C_g(\tau) \): Global costs referring to starting year \( \tau_0 \)
- \( C_I \): Initial investment costs
- \( C_{a,i}(j) \): Annual costs year \( i \) for energy-related component \( j \) (energy costs, operational costs, periodic or replacement costs, maintenance costs)
- \( R_d(i) \): Discount rate for year \( i \) (depending on interest rate)
- \( V_{f,\tau}(j) \): Final value of component \( j \) at the end of the calculation period (referred to the starting year \( \tau_0 \)). Here also disposal cost (if applicable) can be taken into account.

Societal Perspective

4.4. Calculation of global costs for the macroeconomic calculation

(1) When determining the global cost for the macroeconomic calculation of a measure/package/variant, the relevant prices to be taken into account are the prices excluding all applicable taxes, VAT, charges and subsidies.

(2) When determining the global cost at macroeconomic level of a measure/package/variant, in addition to the cost categories listed under 4.1, a new cost category cost of greenhouse gas emissions is to be included so that the adjusted global cost methodology reads as:

\[ C_g(\tau) = C_I + \sum_j \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\tau} \left( C_{a,i}(j)R_d(i) + C_{c,i}(j) \right) - V_{f,\tau}(j) \right] \]

where

- \( C_{c,i}(j) \) means carbon cost for measure or set of measures \( j \) during year \( i \).
Cost Optimal Calculation Process

- Select Reference Buildings – New and Existing/Residential and non-residential

- Apply various energy performance measures to reference buildings using Building Regulations Modelling Software (DEAP/NEAP) as specified by Annex I of Recast EPBD (Fabric and Fixed Building Services)

- Calculate Global Cost of improvements for various discount rates and energy prices of various energy performance measures applied to the reference buildings

- Perform calculation from an investor perspective and from a societal perspective

- Plot cost Eur/m2 vs kWh/m2/yr

- Identify gap between current energy performance standard in Building Regulations and least cost point on curve

- Report to Commission Cost Optimal Point and plan to achieve cost optimal standard in Building Regulations where applicable
Reference Buildings

Main purpose: represent typical and average building stock in MS, so that methodology can deliver representative calculation results

(1) Member States shall establish reference buildings for the following building categories:
   - 1. single-family buildings;
   - 2. apartment blocks and multifamily buildings;
   - 3. office buildings

(2) In addition to office buildings, Member States shall establish reference buildings for other non-residential building categories listed in Annex I of Recast EPBD

(3) If a Member State is able to demonstrate in the report referred to in Article 6 of this Regulation that an established reference building can be applicable to more than one building category, it may reduce the number of reference buildings used and with that the number of calculations.

(4) For each building category, at least one reference building shall be established for new buildings and at least two for existing buildings subject to major renovation. Reference buildings can be established on the basis of building subcategories (e.g. differentiated by size, age, cost structure, construction material, use pattern or climatic zone) that take into account the characteristics of the national building stock.
Variants

- Energy Efficiency Measures may be bundled to packages of measures or variants.

- Member States shall also identify measures/packages/variants using **renewable energy** for both new and existing buildings.

- Energy efficiency measures/packages/variants shall include measures necessary to meet the currently applicable minimum energy performance requirements. Member States shall also include measures/packages/variants necessary to meet the minimum energy performance requirements for **nearly zero-energy buildings**.

- The selected energy efficiency measures and measures based on renewable energy sources, and packages/variants, shall be compatible with the basic requirements for construction works as listed in Annex I to **Regulation (EU) No 305/2011** and specified by Member States. They shall also be compatible with air quality and indoor comfort levels according to CEN standard 15251 on **indoor air quality** or equivalent national standards.
Economic information

- Construction and material costs supplied by AECOM Quantity Surveyors for Dublin
- Price of Carbon from “A Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050”¹ (specified as lower bound in regulation)
- Energy prices from 2009 EU draft 2030² Scenario (recommended by regulation)
- Sensitivity on energy prices, (Low High and Central)
- Sensitivity on Carbon Prices
- Sensitivity on Discount Factors (Investor and Societal)
- Sensitivity on Primary Energy Factor
- Timescale 30 years for residential and Public buildings, 20 years for non residential

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² [link](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/observatory/trends_2030/index_en.htm)
Curves
Recast EPBD-Cost Optimal

- Energy Efficiency Standards in Building Regulations for new buildings and for buildings undergoing major renovation to be set at cost optimal levels.

'cost-optimal level' means the energy performance level which leads to the lowest cost during the estimated economic lifecycle, taking into account energy-related investment costs, maintenance and operating costs (including energy costs and savings, the category of building concerned, earnings from energy produced), where applicable, and disposal costs, where applicable. It refers to the remaining estimated economic lifecycle of a building where energy performance requirements are set for the building as a whole, or to the estimated economic lifecycle of a building element where energy performance requirements are set for building elements.
# Nearly Zero Energy Roadmap for Dwellings

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<td><strong>Primary Energy¹</strong>&lt;br&gt;(Avg Dwelling) kWh/m²/annum</td>
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¹ Energy and CO₂ Performance is calculated using Dwelling Energy Assessment Performance (DEAP) Software to EN 13790
# Nearly Zero Energy Road Map - Buildings Other Than Dwellings

## What’s next?

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Principles underpinning Part L

1. Reduce Demand for Energy through Passive Measures

2. Increase supply from renewable & efficient sources

3. Set minimum performance standards that can be achieved through a variety of solutions leaving approach taken for individual to the designer
Achieving compliance with Part L Dwellings

Overall Compliance
Sect. 1.1 calculation in DEAP by achieving MPEPC (0.4) and MPCPC (.46) (equivalent to 60% Reduction on 2005)

Minimum Threshold Level Compliance
TGD L Sections:

1.2 Renewable Energy
10kWh/m²/yr

1.3 Building Fabric
- U-Values (Backstops)
- Thermal Bridging ACDs
- Air Tightness 7m³/hr/m²

1.4 Building Services
- Boiler Efficiency 90%
- Space Heating Controls (zoning and time control)
- Insulation
- Mechanical Ventilation System Efficiency

1.5 Construction Quality and Commissioning

1.6 User Information

+ = Compliance with Part L Dwellings
Achieving Compliance Part L Buildings other than Dwellings

Overall Compliance
Sect 1.1 Compliance With NEAP
MPEPC=1
MPCPC=1

Minimum Threshold Level Compliance
TGD L Buildings Other than Dwellings
Sects:
1.2 Fabric
1.3 Building Services

= Compliance with Part L Buildings other than Dwellings
“Energy rating” of Dwellings*: Indicative trends

Typical for 2002-6 Building Regulations

Building Regulations 2008

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Energy Efficiency - What’s next?

- New Building Control Regulations to be signed in 2012
- Action Plan for Recast EPBD at Public Consultation
- Introduce Recast EPBD Cost Optimal Methodology
- Introduce Low Energy standard for Dwellings and Buildings other than Dwellings
- Review Part L Buildings other than Dwellings
- Implement NZEB framework for Dwellings
- NZEB definition to go for consultation 2013
- DEHLG/DE/SEAI/NSAI Retrofit Code of Practice to be published
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Shared Challenges

• Engagement across Public Sector-NZEB, DECs, Major Renovation

• Engagement across Private sector-DECs for Buildings frequently visited by the public> 500m2. Use of BERs in advertising

• Robust Construction methods-Building Control, Codes of Practice (SR 50-2 Solar Thermal Code of Practice /Retrofit), Certification, BUSI
How Ireland Compares

- UK Zero Carbon Hub places TGD L 2011 Regulatory U values 4th in world after Denmark, Sweden and UK.

Ref: Zero Carbon Compendium 2011

Asiepi study shows 2008 TGD L U values comparable to leading countries
Current Status of Part J Review

- Full Review underway
- Proposals released for consultation in 2012
- Issues – Consistency with TGDs L & F; Recommended provision for CO Detectors in certain circumstances; Industry Developments – installation arrangements, COPs, etc.
- Submissions currently being reviewed
- Definitive Regs / TGD J for approval by Minister by end 2013