



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the definition of Construction work, and does it apply to my project?

As taken directly from the Construction (Design & Management) Regulations 2015;

2.- (1) In these Regulations - “construction work” means the carrying out of any building, civil engineering or engineering construction work and includes—

(a) the construction, alteration, conversion, fitting out, commissioning, renovation, repair, upkeep, redecoration or other maintenance (including cleaning which involves the use of water or an abrasive at high pressure, or the use of corrosive or toxic substances), de-commissioning, demolition or dismantling of a structure;

(b) the preparation for an intended structure, including site clearance, exploration, investigation (but not site survey) and excavation (but not pre-construction archaeological investigations), and the clearance or preparation of the site or structure for use or occupation at its conclusion;

(c) the assembly on site of prefabricated elements to form a structure or the disassembly on site of the prefabricated elements which, immediately before such disassembly, formed a structure;

(d) the removal of a structure, or of any product or waste resulting from demolition or dismantling of a structure, or from disassembly of prefabricated elements which immediately before such disassembly formed such a structure;

(d) the installation, commissioning, maintenance, repair or removal of mechanical, electrical, gas, compressed air, hydraulic, telecommunications, computer or similar services which are normally fixed within or to a structure, but does not include the exploration for, or extraction of, mineral resources, or preparatory activities carried out at a place where such exploration or extraction is carried out;

My construction project last less than 30 days, does CDM still apply?

Regardless of duration, CDM regulations apply to all construction work. Under CDM 2015, where ‘construction’ works are anticipated to last longer than 30 working days, (or 500-person days) and having 20 persons consecutively employed on the project, a project notification is required to the Health & Safety Executive, (F10 form particulars).

Who is a Commercial Client under CDM15?

An organisation or individual for whom a construction project is to be carried out and who needs to make suitable arrangements for managing the project, including appointing competent duty-holders.

Who is a Domestic Client under CDM15?

A private individual who commissions building work (for no commercial gain) but whom still has important duties under CDM15. In practice, it is usual for them to transfer their Client duties to an architect or contractor, though we are acting as Client CDM Advisor currently on some domestic projects.

Who is a Designer under CDM15?

Those who, as part of a business (or individual) prepares or modify designs for a building / structure.

Who is a Principal Contractor?

An organisation who is appointed to plan, manage and monitor the construction phase of a project, where the works involve more than one contractor.

Who is a Contractor?

An organisation who plans, manages and monitors construction work under their own control.

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