



Notification Number: 2014/486/UK

**Approved Document M: Part M Access to and use of buildings  
- Volume 1 dwellings. See attached documents referenced: -  
Approved Document M: Part M Access to and use of buildings  
- Volume 1 dwellings: Consultation draft**

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**Message**

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Hlásenie-Obvestilo - Ilmoitus - Anmälan - Нотификация : 2014/0486/UK - Notificare.

No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata -  
Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora -  
Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien  
- Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud -  
Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele  
de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

Approved Document M: Part M Access to and use of buildings - Volume 1 dwellings.

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#### **6. Products Concerned**

The Building Regulations provide for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of those in and around buildings and the sustainability of buildings for current and future generations. In order to do this they set standards through both technical and procedural requirements for those carrying out building work. Therefore this notification has relevance for services including design and construction services for controlled building works and related construction products.

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The Building Regulations 2010 provide for the health, safety, welfare and convenience of those in and around buildings, setting technical and procedural requirements for those carrying out building work. Statutory guidance on ways of meeting the functional requirements of these regulations are provided in Approved Documents.

The proposed changes will lay amendments to the Building Regulations 2010 in early 2015, which will include updating Approved Document M that deals with access to and use of buildings.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

In March of this year the Government announced its intention to introduce two optional requirements for accessibility in to Part M (Access to and use of buildings) of Schedule 1 of the Building Regulations. These optional requirements will be available to local planning authorities to use in setting their housing policies, and with particular reference to meeting the current and future housing needs of a wide range of people including older and disabled people.

These are:

- 1) new optional building regulations for accessible and adaptable mainstream housing to meet the needs of older and disabled people.
- 2) wheelchair user housing: the introduction for the first time of an optional building regulation setting standards for wheelchair housing.



**10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

No Basic Text exists

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

**15. Impact assessment**

Yes

**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No - The draft is in conformity with an international standard

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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