

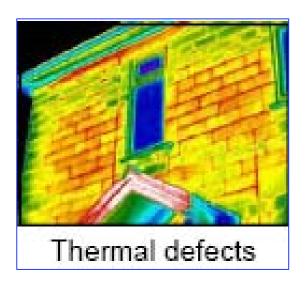
### Energy Performance Building Directive EPBD

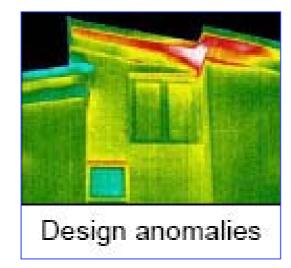
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#### **Energy Performance Buildings Directive**

 Developed to improved the energy performance of buildings through inspection, certification of performance and advisory reports.









### Who is affected?

- >New build on construction
- Existing buildings on sale, lease or rental
- Public buildings
- From April 2008 phased in by size of buildings



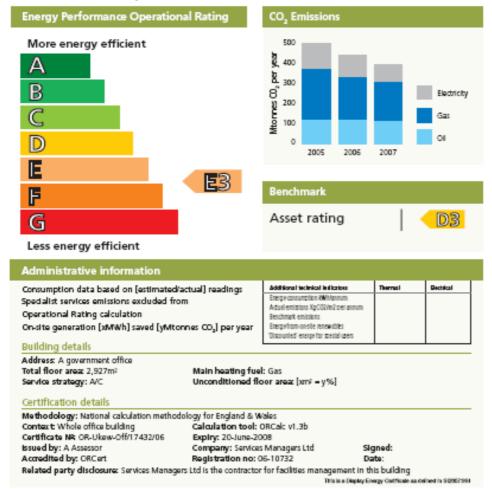
#### Building Energy Performance Rating Operational Performance

#### Building occupier

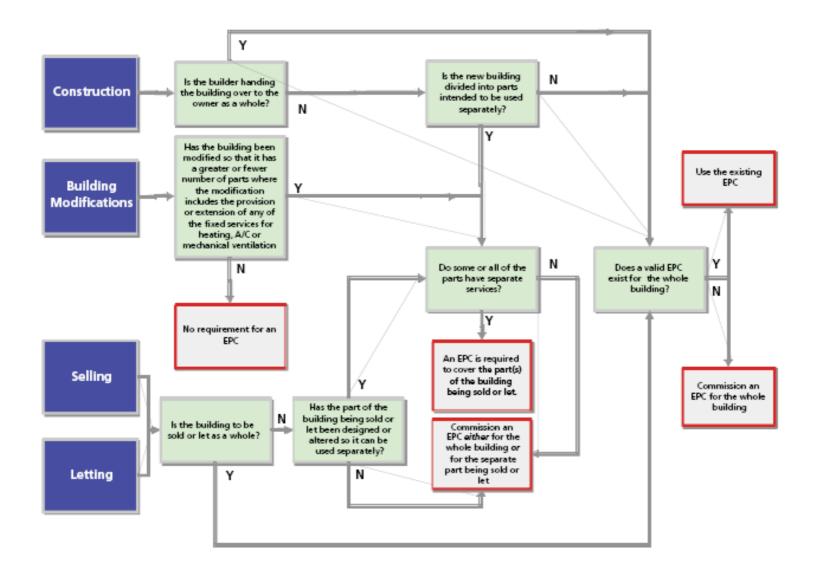
#### **Communities and Local Government**

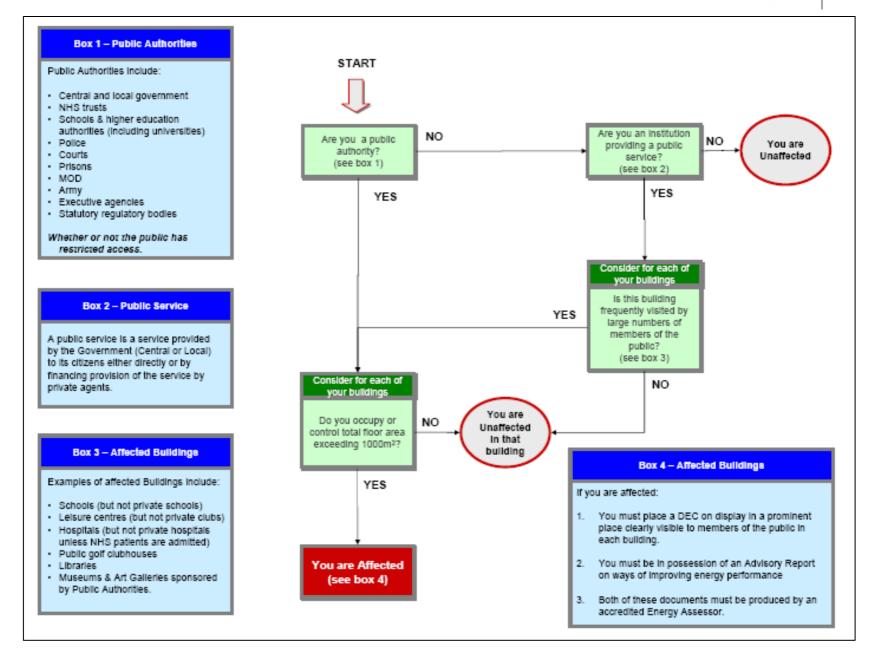
#### Building type: Office

This certificate shows the Operational Performance of this building by way of the Operational Rating and benchmarks. The Operational Rating is a measure of achieved performance and is based on measurement of fuel consumption. It reflects the effectiveness of maintenance and energy management administration as well as the quality of the building. The benchmarks are derived from standards taking account of the dimatic conditions for the year.









# Energy performance certificates

- Make EPCs available when buildings are constructed sold or rented out.
- > The validity of the certificate shall not exceed 10 years.
- > Member States may exclude certain categories of bldg.
- The EPC shall include reference values.
- The EPC shall be accompanied by recommendations to improve.
- DECs must be posted in places clearly visible to the public in "public buildgs" with a TUFA over 1000 m2 occupied by:-
- public authorities, and

**EPCs** 

institutions providing public services to a large number of persons and therefore frequently visited by these persons.



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## Regulations 4 and 9 and Schedule 2.

- The requirements apply to all buildings other than—
- (a) buildings exempt by Reg 9(a) in the Building Regs;
- (b) buildings solely or primarily used as places of worship;
- (c) temporary buildings with a planned time of use of two years or less, industrial sites, workshops and non-residential agricultural buildings with low energy demand; and
- (d) stand-alone buildings with a TUFA < 50m2 which are not dwellings.
- (Crown buildings and Statutory Undertakers are not exempt)



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### **Regulation 17E.**

- > (1) These requirements apply where:-
- > (a) a building is erected; or
- (b) a building is modified so that it has a greater or fewer number of parts designed or altered for separate use than it previously had, where the modification includes the provision or extension of any of the fixed services for heating, hot water, air conditioning or mechanical ventilation.
- $\geq$  (2) The person carrying out the work shall:-
- > (a) give an EPC to the owner of the building; and
- > (b) give to the local authority notice to that effect.



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## **Regulation 5.**

- The seller or landlord shall make an EPC available to any prospective buyer or tenant:-
- $\succ$  (a) at the earliest opportunity; and
- (b) in any event before entering into a contract to sell or rent out the building, or (if sooner) no later than:-
- (i) The 1st time written information is made available to enquirers; or
- (ii) the time at which the person is first given a viewing.
- (Unless the bldg is to be demolished see Reg 7)



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# Energy assessors (EA) and register of assessments.

- Accreditation schemes
- An EA must be a member of an accreditation scheme approved by the SOS.
- Related party disclosures
- An energy assessor must include in an EPC a declaration of any personal or
- > business relationship other than the EPC commission itself.

#### Duty of care

- EAs must carry out energy assessments with reasonable care and skill.
- Registration of certificates etc
- The SOS shall maintain one or more registers of the following documents
- ➤ (a) EPCs and Recommendation Reports;
- ➤ (b) DECs; and
- > (c) Advisory Reports.



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6 Apr 08.	•EPCs required on construction for all dwellings.			
	EPCs required for the construction, sale or rent of bldgs			
	other than dwellings with a floor area over 10,000 m <sup>2</sup> .			
1 Jul 08	•EPCs required for the construction, sale or rent of bldgs			
	other than dwellings with a floor area over 2,500 m <sup>2</sup> .			
1 Oct 08	•EPCs required on the sale or rent of all remaining			
	dwellings			
	•EPCs required on the construction, sale or rent of all			
	remaining buildings other than dwellings.			
	<ul> <li>DECs required for all "public buildings" &gt;1,000 m<sup>2</sup>.</li> </ul>			





#### To be clear

 The Government announced on 13 March 2008 transitional arrangements for buildings already on the market at 6 April. Any building which is on the market before then and remains on the market afterwards will need an EPC by 1 October at the latest. If it is sold or rented out in the meantime, an EPC must be commissioned and then handed over as soon as reasonably practicable. This is intended to make it easier for owners and landlords of large buildings to comply with the legislation. Similar provisions will apply for the introduction of EPCs on buildings over 2,500 m2 in July, expiring also on 1 October 2008. This responds to industry's expectations and is intended to ensure a smooth introduction on 6 April.

### Which really means!

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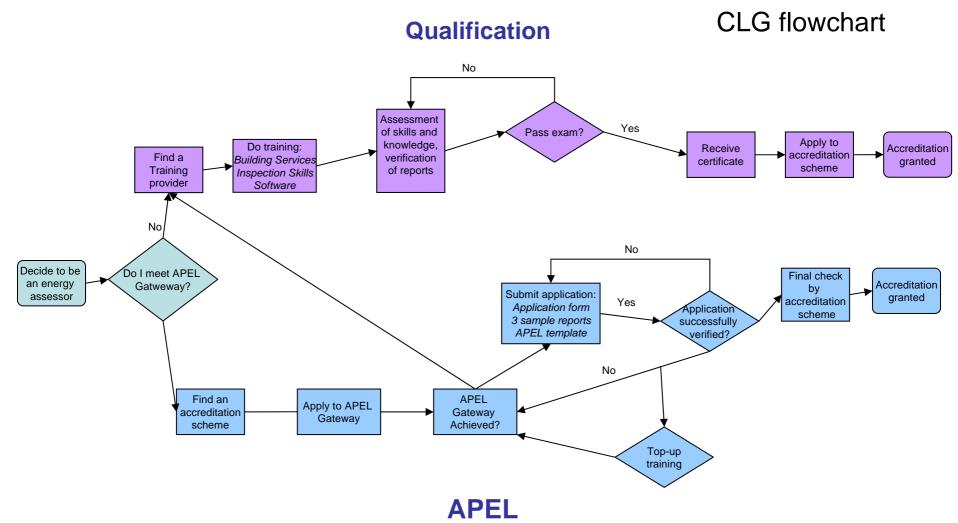
• So to clarify – if the building is already on the market before the 6th April then it will not be exempt and will require a certificate as appropriate to the floor area and in any case by October. I believe that it would be in the interest to have this available as soon as possible as clients are aware now and may see it as a barrier to a hand over if the EPC was not available before the contract was signed. Also the legal profession are very aware of the need for an EPC and are not as lenient as the Government wording above and will basically want to see the EPC is in place at time of contract. In my view.

#### What is an Accredited Energy Assessor

- Route 1:- A person who has completed a recognised qualification as an energy assessor for producing:
  - Display Energy Certificate (DEC) for operational ratings (ORs) for public buildings.
  - Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) at level 3 or level 4 or level 5 (different complexity) and these can be existing buildings or new build on construction.
  - Route 2: Application Form for Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL) for the Production of Operational Ratings, Display Energy Certificates and Advisory Reports
  - or APEL for Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) and Recommendation Reports and these can be existing buildings or new build on construction.



## Becoming an Energy Assessor – Qualification and APEL Routes



### **Current Situation**

- Most existing energy assessors are going through the APEL route which will validate their existing experience against the National Occupational Standards (NOS)
- and assess their competency for surveying buildings and producing EPC or DEC or both against the different levels within the NOS.
- The APEL route is managed by the approved accreditation bodies which are:
  - > BRE CIBSE
     > STROMA RICS
     > HI Cert BESCA
     > Quidos NES
     > Northgate Energy Institute

ECMK NAPIT KNAUF Elmhurst

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#### **APEL Route**

- Part of the APEL route is the software test for production of EPC or DECs or both if the assessor is going for both systems levels.
- For EPC it's a detailed input of the building into SBEN Assess the energy performance of new-build non-dwellings prior to first occupancy using the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM) (Intermediate)
- Assess the energy performance of new-build non-dwellings prior to first occupancy using Dynamic Simulation Models (DSMs) (Advanced)
- Undertake energy inspections of existing non-dwellings with frequently occurring characteristics using the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM) (Basic)
- Undertake energy inspections of existing non-dwellings using the Simplified Building Energy Model (SBEM) (Intermediate) (NDB)
- Undertake energy inspections of existing non-dwellings requiring the use of Dynamic Simulation Models (DSMs) (Advanced) (NDB)
- Inspect simple / packaged air conditioning systems (ACS)
- Inspect complex / central air conditioning systems (ACS)



# What is Faber Maunsell providing

- We are actively involved in the development of the software and approving the scheme accreditation bodies for CLG.
- We are registering Faber Maunsell staff through the accreditation bodies via the APEL route.
- We are ready to work with and for our clients now using our qualified staff
- We have offices around the UK to provide a local resource.
- Birmingham is acting as a centre of expertise following its work for the CLG
- We are running awareness seminars for our clients
- We are piloting operational ratings for some public sector clients

EPC costs balloon to 10 times more than planned

Energy certificates will cost £1.5bn this year, rather than £148m, assessors warn

#### BY MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY

Energy performance certificates could cost 10 times more and take four times longer to assess than the government has estimated.

Last year, the communities department suggested that EPCs would cost £148m to implement in non-domestic buildings in 2008 and £1.5bn between now and 2020. It said: "The cost is likely to be £250-500 for small premises and up to £2,000 for larger ones."

However, commercial energy assessors have described the estimate as "hopelessly inadequate". They claim EPCs will he about £4,000." cost £1.5bn this year and £11bn until 2020 to implement. Rob Corbyn, an energy assessor

Energy certificates for a 1,500m<sup>2</sup> office may cost as much as £5,000

for consultant RLF, said: "The government said an EPC for a small commercial office would cost £500, but we estimate it will

He said this was because the government had underestimated the time it took to issue EPCs:

"With travel, data collation and input, and client audit, the one day the government suggests a small office would take to assess turns into three or four."

He says he recently quoted a client £5,000 to assess a 1.500m<sup>2</sup> commercial building.

Simon Hardwick, a lawyer with Halliwells, said: "The indication from commercial energy assessors is that the government's estimates are far too low."

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Peter Williams, a lawyer with Eversheds, said: "Sometimes it might be cheaper to risk the fine, but it is not safe to assume so." Fines, imposed by the Trading Standards Office, are set at 12.5% of the rateable value of the property to a maximum of £5,000. A communities department spokesperson said: "This programme has been running for less than a month. It is too early to draw hard conclusions around costs and time."

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#### Office owners overestimate their buildings' energy ratings

Two-thirds of office landlords believe their buildings will get higher energy performance ratings than those anticipated by experts.

The results of a survey by Building and the British Council for Offices, ahead of the Think OB conference, revealed that 67% of office landlords and occupiers expected their buildings to receive either a C or D rating. Only 27% anticipated a rating of E to G. An E is

equivalent to the 1995 version of Part L of the Building Regulations.

Brian Scannell, managing director of energy assessment company NES, said survey respondents were "very optimistic". He said: "People assumed their homes would be mid-range but the average rating was D. I'd be surprised if we had a significant number of C-rated buildings."

John Field, an assessor with energy management consultant Power Efficiency. said he had come across a couple of buildings built in the eighties and nineties that had just "scraped" a C rating. He said, "Most air-conditioned buildings constructed at this time would be D or E."

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### Penalty

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The penalty for failing to make an EPC available to any prospective buyer or tenant when selling or letting non-dwellings is fixed, in most cases, at 12.5 per cent of the rateable value of the building, with a default penalty of £750 where the formula cannot be applied. A formula is used as the costs of producing an EPC for nondwellings are expected to vary according to the size, complexity and use of the building. The range of penalties under this formula are set with a minimum of £500 and capped at a maximum of £5,000.

### Enforcement

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Local authorities (usually by their Trading Standards Officers) are responsible for enforcing the requirement to have an EPC on sale or let of a building. Failure to provide an EPC when required by the Regulations means you may be liable to a civil penalty charge notice. Trading Standards Officers may act on complaints or undertake investigations. They may request you to provide them with a copy of your EPC and recommendation report. If asked, you must provide this information within seven days of the request or be liable to a penalty charge notice. A copy of an EPC can be requested at any time up to six months after the last day for compliance with the obligation to make it available.

### **EPC** is required

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use energy to condition the indoor climate. This is the case where the building has any
of the following fixed services: heating, mechanical ventilation or air conditioning.
Although the provision of hot water is a fixed building service, it does not "condition
the indoor environment" and would not therefore be a trigger for an EPC. The same
argument applies to electric lighting. Where a building is expected to have heating,
mechanical ventilation or air conditioning installed, it will require an EPC based on the
assumed fit out.



#### **Industrial Sites**

Buildings which are **industrial sites and workshops with low energy demand**. These include buildings, or parts of buildings designed to be used separately, whose purpose is to accommodate industrial activities in spaces where the air is not conditioned. Activities that would be covered include foundries, forging and other hot processes, chemical process, food and drinks packaging, heavy engineering and storage and warehouses where, in each case, the air in the space is not fully heated or cooled. Whilst not fully heated or cooled these cases may have some local conditioning appliances such a plaque or air heaters or air conditioners to serve people at work stations or refuges dispersed amongst and not separated from the industrial activities.

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### Displaying the Information



#### The bigger, the better

This Romanian school has displayed the building label prominently, which in turn encourages citizens - and other local building managers - to take notice. Organisers report that most building managers put up Display<sup>®</sup> labels at building entrances in an A3 size, but they are hopeful that more and more will manage to create large labels like the one pictured.

# **Bristol Create Building**



• Displaying the Certificate important

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- Failure to do so will lead to a fine
- Failure to produce a advisory report will lead to a fine

## **On Construction**

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#### 3.1 Responsibilities for providing an EPC on construction or modification of a non-dwelling

When a building being **constructed** is physically complete, it is the responsibility of the **person carrying out the construction** to give an EPC and recommendations report to the **owner of the building** and to notify Building Control that this has been done. Building Control will not issue a certificate of completion until they are satisfied this has been done.

## **On Modification**

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If a building is **modified** to have more or less parts than it originally had and the modification includes the provision or extension of fixed services for heating, air conditioning or mechanical ventilation (ie those services that condition the indoor climate for the benefits of the occupants) then an EPC will be required. When the modifications are physically complete, it is the responsibility of the **person carrying out the modification works** to give an EPC and recommendations report to the **owner of the building** and to notify Building Control that this has been done. Building Control will not issue a certificate of completion until they are satisfied this has been done.

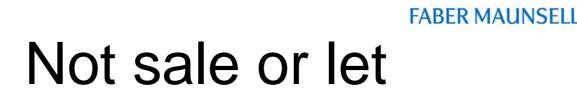


#### Sale or Rent

As soon as a building is in the process of being offered for **sale**, it is the responsibility of the **seller** to make available an EPC to prospective buyers.

As soon as a building is in the process of being offered to **let**, it is the responsibility of the **prospective landlord** to make available an EPC to prospective tenants.

It is the responsibility of the seller or landlord offering the accommodation for sale or let to make an EPC available for their building. A lease assignment would be considered to be a sale or letting and the assignor should normally provide the EPC. The landlord's obligations will generally be satisfied if the assignor provides the EPC to the assignee.



The purpose of providing an EPC during the sale or letting process is to enable potential buyers, tenants or building occupiers to consider energy performance of a building as part of their investment. Certain transactions would not amount to a sale or let to a new owner or tenant and would therefore not require an EPC. Examples would include:

- lease renewals or extensions
- compulsory purchase orders
- lease surrenders.

There may be other types of transaction that it might be argued do not require an EPC, for example not-for-value transactions, but this will depend on the individual circumstances of any case.



## EPC free of charge

A valid EPC and recommendation report must be made available *free of charge* by the seller or landlord to a *prospective buyer or tenant* when non-dwellings are sold or let. This information should be provided at the earliest opportunity and no later than:

- when any written information about the building is provided in response to a request for information received from the prospective buyer or tenant; or
- when a viewing is conducted; or
- in any event, before entering into a contract to sell or let.

# EPC not provided

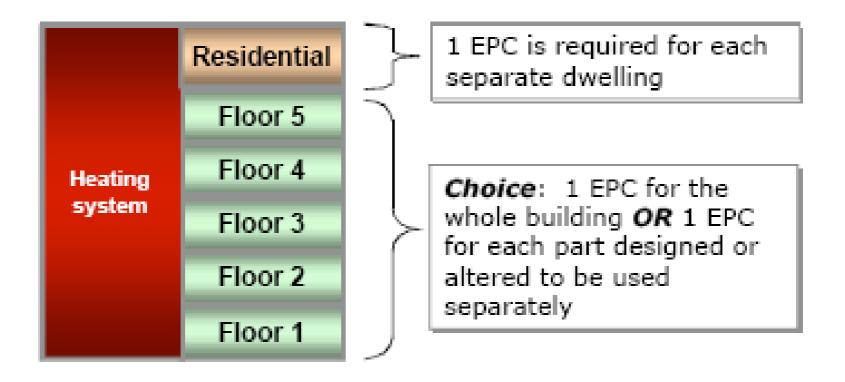
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An EPC does not have to be made available if:

- the seller has reasonable grounds to believe that the prospective buyer or tenant is unlikely to have sufficient funds to purchase the building or is not genuinely interested in buying or renting the building; or
- the seller or tenant is unlikely to be prepared to sell the building to the prospective buyer (although this does not authorise unlawful discrimination).



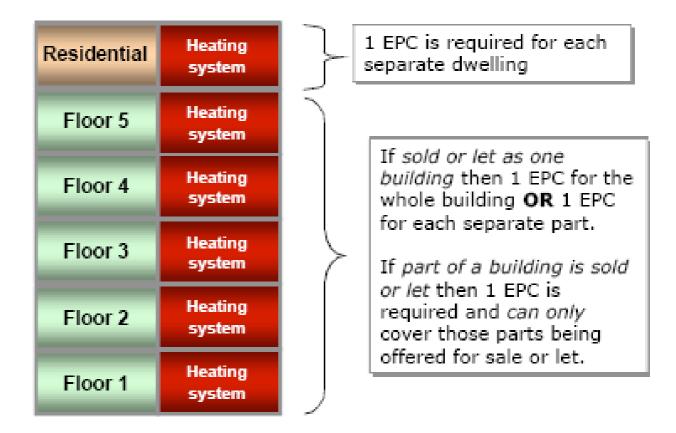
### **EPCs** Required





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#### A.2. BLOCK WITH INDEPENDENT HEATING SYSTEMS



#### **EPC** Required

#### A.1. CENTRES WITH CONDITIONED CENTRAL SPACE

	Unit 5	Unit 6	Unit 7	Ę
Unit 4	Conc	Heating Syst		
	Unit 3	Unit 2	Unit 1	

**Choice:** 1 EPC for the whole building **OR** 1 EPC for each part designed or altered to be used separately (*The energy* consumption of the part will be based on an energy use per square metre for the whole building)

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### **EPC** required

#### **B.1. CENTRES WITH CONDITIONED CENTRAL SPACE**



**1 EPC** for the whole building *if it* is being sold or let as one building.

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1 EPC for each unit if it is being sold or let (which would include the energy use of the fixed services for the unit plus a proportion of the energy use for the shared conditioned areas where its purpose is solely or mainly for access to the unit. This will be in the ratio of total useful floor area in the unit to total useful floor area of the all the units)

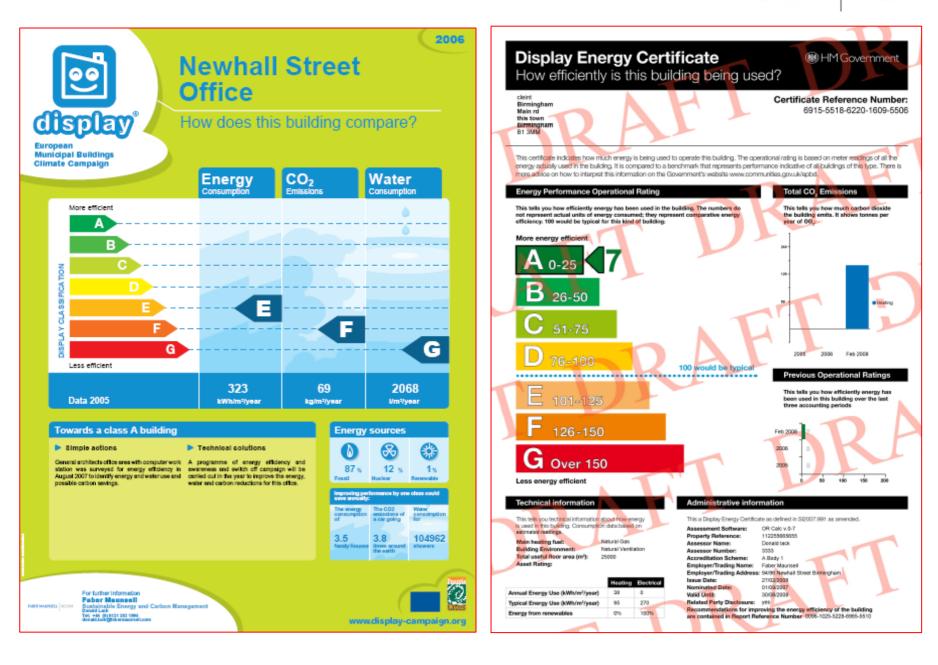


#### **EPC** Required

#### **B.2. CENTRES WITH UNCONDITIONED CENTRAL SPACE**



1 EPC is required for each unit. Unconditioned space will not require an EPC.





#### Questions?

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