

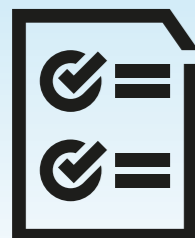
Part B and insulation What's new for housebuilders?

UPDATES TO PART B 'FIRE SAFETY' OF BUILDING REGULATIONS FOR ENGLAND TOOK EFFECT 1ST DECEMBER 2022

Previous regulations apply if both:

1. Building notice, initial notice or full plans given to local authority before this date
2. Work has started before or within six months of this date

In all other cases, the updated regulations apply.



REGULATIONS FOR 'RELEVANT BUILDINGS' 18M AND OVER NOW APPLY TO:

- Buildings with one or more dwellings
- Rooms for residential purposes
- Institutions
- NEW**
- Hotels
- Hostels
- Boarding houses

For all residential buildings between 11m and 18m, non-combustible materials must now be used in certain external wall system build-ups, such as rainscreen façades and timber frames, unless a full-scale fire test to BS 8414-1 or BS 8414-2 has been conducted.



WHEN IT COMES TO SPECIFYING INSULATION, THE SIMPLEST WAY TO REDUCE FIRE RISK IS TO USE NON-COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS WHATEVER THE HEIGHT OR USE OF THE BUILDING.

Glass mineral wool, wood wool boards and rock mineral wool slabs:

- Non-combustible
- Highest Euroclass A1 or A2-s1,d0 reaction to fire classification



See Approved Document B for full regulation updates, including fire detection and alarms, means of escape and solar shading devices:

[government/publications/fire-safety-approved-document-b](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-approved-document-b)

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