

PART L - 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FUTURE HOMES STANDARD 2025

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TIMELINE



1 WHAT IS THE FUTURE HOMES STANDARD (FHS)?

It's a set of standards that will complement the Building Regulations to ensure that new homes built from 2025 will produce 75-80% fewer carbon emissions than homes built under current regulations.



2 WHAT IS PART L OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS?

It concerns the conservation of fuel and power and sets the energy performance targets that all buildings in England and Wales have to meet.



3 WHAT IS CHANGING?

A revised set of performance standards is proposed for Part L to pave the way for the more stringent measures that will be introduced by the FHS in 2025. This interim uplift to Part L will require at least a 31% reduction in emissions compared to current standards. Note: the proposed uplift to Part L applies to England only. Changes to Part F (ventilation) are also proposed, however, this document concerns Part L only.

4 PRIMARY ENERGY TARGET

Primary energy – a measure of the energy use in dwellings and taking into account of upstream energy uses – will replace CO2 emissions as the principal performance metric.



5 CO2 EMISSIONS TARGET

Although no longer the primary measure, this target is intended to encourage low carbon choices when designing new homes and to track progress against the UK's net zero



6 FABRIC ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARD (FEES)

The fabric-first approach is retained but the Future Building Standards (in consultation) is questioning whether a more demanding FEES is required.



7 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR FABRIC AND FIXED BUILDING SERVICES

The government hopes the FEES as proposed in the FHS consultation combined with minimum fabric standards, will drive overall fabric standards in new homes



8 BRIDGING THE PERFORMANCE GAP

New measures are being introduced to bridge the gap, including amended Build Quality guidance; a new compliance report – Building Regulations England Part L; and an updated SAP – SAP 10.3.



9 TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

To capture as many homes as possible under the new regulations, transitional arrangements will apply to individual homes rather than whole sites as has been the case previously.



LATE 2021

Subject to the outcome of the FSB consultation, Part L uplift (and Part F and Overheating Regulations) to be regulated for

JUNE 2022

Part L, (and Part F and Overheating Regulations) to come into effect

ARE YOU READY FOR 2025?

SPRING 2023

Full technical consultation on FHS planned with consideration of appropriate transitional arrangements

SPRING 2024

FHS legislated for

SPRING 2025

FHS implemented

*Read more in our white paper In brief:
The Future Homes Standard 2025 and Part L 2021*

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