Part L Energy Management & Certification
- Rating of Buildings

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Presentation Structure

- Practical experience with Part L
- Changes to TGD Part L (2006)
- Certification of dwellings
Disclaimer

The new TGD Part L (2006) is not yet published by DEHLG, nor is the new calculation methodology published by SEI. The final documents may differ from what CODEMA anticipates at present.

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Energy-related regulations

• Technical Guidance Documents (TGDs):
  – Part L, Conservation of Fuel & Energy
  – Part F, Ventilation
  – Part J, Heat Producing Appliances

• Statutory Instrument No. 260 of 1994
    “Efficiency requirements for new hot-water boilers fired with liquid or gaseous fuels”

• Statutory Instrument No. 873 of 2005
Practical Experience - Part L

‘Energy Performance Survey of Irish Housing’

– Commissioned by SEI
– Carried out by CODEMA - DIT partnership (January – May 2005)
– 50 dwellings constructed 1997 to 2002
– Sample is statistically small but represents cross-section of Irish Housing
Practical Experience - Part L

Limiting heat loss through the building fabric

Degree of meeting Guidance for Part L (1997)
Practical Experience - Part L

Areas of weaknesses

- Under-specified roof insulation thickness
- Air infiltration
  - Sealing the void between dry-lining and masonry walls
  - Sealing vapour control membranes in timber-frame
  - Draught stripping of windows & doors is variable
  - Sealing & insulation of attic hatch doors
  - Sealing of services penetrating ventilated roof space
- Insulation of hot pipes in unheated spaces
- Heating controls are variable
Changes to TGD Part L (2006)

-Dwellings

What is new?…. From 1st July 2006:

“For dwellings, the requirement of L1 shall be met by-

(a)providing that the CO₂ emissions associated with energy use for space heating, water heating, ventilation and lighting of a new dwelling, calculated using a method published by SEI, are limited insofar as is reasonably possible

(b)……etc” – S.I. No. 873 of 2005
Changes to TGD Part L (2006)

-Dwellings

What does this mean?

1. The present Heat Energy Rating (HER) will go
2. A new ‘Dwelling Energy Assessment Procedure’ (DEAP), including the heating system efficiency, will be published by SEI
3. A new criterion will be Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Emission Rate (CDER) expressed in terms of kg CO₂ /m²/annum
Changes to TGD Part L (2006)

-Dwellings

How will compliance be assessed?

(a) The CDER for the dwelling should be less than the Maximum Permitted CO$_2$ Emission Rate (MPCDER) derived for a reference dwelling of the same size and shape

(b) Limit fabric heat loss (as existing)

(c) Heating system controls (as existing)

(d) Limiting heat loss from pipes, etc (as existing)
Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

- Joint responsibility of 2 Departments:
  - Environment, Heritage and Local Government
  - Communications, Marine and Natural Resources
- EPBD Working Group established, 2003 (coordinated by SEI).
- Draft Action Plan April 2005
- Transposition date: Due 4 January 2006 (+3 years)
EPBD - Main Objective

The Directive’s main objectives are to promote:

• improved energy performance of buildings within the EU through cost effective measures

• the convergence of building energy standards towards those of Member States which already have ambitious levels
Transposition of EPBD - in Ireland

22 December 2005:

Building Control (Ammendment) Bill 2005

- Building Energy Rating (BER)- New & Existing bldgs
- Display of BER Cert in Public Buildings (>1,000m²)
- Feasibility of Alternative Energy Systems (>1,000m²)

30 December 2005:

Building Regulations (Ammendment) Regulations 2005 (S.I. No. 873)

- New methodology for assessment from 1 July 2006 (with transitional arrangement up to 30 June 2008)
Certification of dwellings
Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)

**EPBD Article 7:**
“..when buildings are constructed, sold or rented out an energy performance certificate is made available…”
Timescale for Certification

- **January 2007**
  - New dwellings

- **January 2008**
  - New non-residential buildings
  - New public service buildings

- **January 2009**
  - Existing dwellings
  - Existing non-residential buildings
  - Existing public service buildings
EU Project ‘BUDI’
www.buildingdirective.org

-Pilot Actions to develop a functioning market for Energy Performance Certificates

Trial Certification of:
• 60 Apartment blocks
• 48-60 Public Buildings

In 6 Countries:
• Ireland  • France
• Austria  • Germany
• Finland  • Slovenia
Benefits of Energy Certificates

For investments in buildings which have a time horizon in excess of 3 years, a good energy rating can:

- Increase the Capital value of a property
- Increase return on investment
- Reduce the running costs
- Help the environment
CODEMA - City of Dublin Energy Management Agency

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