

CDM Regulations 2015



Clients do you know what the 2015 Regulations changes mean for you?

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There is a planned transition of 6 months for any existing projects to make the appropriate changes

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New projects after 6th April 2015, the CDM regulations will apply

The main changes are the abolishing of the CDM Coordinator Role and the introduction of the new role of Principal Designer

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Plan to appoint a Principal Designer for existing projects extending beyond October 2015

Until then retain your existing CDMC

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1. Consider requiring your current CDM Coordinator to be employed as Principal Designer
2. Advise your Architect to employ them as a design & construction registered CDM professional to assist with the PD role

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What you need to consider...

- Who could be your Principal Designer?
- The principal Designer will usually be an organisation or, on smaller projects, an individual with:
- A technical knowledge of the construction industry, relevant to the project
- An understanding of how health & safety is managed through the design process
- The skills to be able to oversee health & safety during the PRE-CONSTRUCTION phase of the project and the ongoing design

Appointing a Principal Designer

The duties of the PD as defined in the CDM 2015 Regulations are very similar to the duties of the CDM Co-ordinator. CDM 2015 advises however that the PD should be a 'designer'. Although there is no actual design function, the role will involve, as now, co-ordination of health and safety aspects of the design to ensure where reasonably practicable that the designers are applying the 'principles of prevention' in their designs.

Foreman Roberts are a designer under the CDM Regulations. We will therefore, where appointed, be able to provide PD services.

Consider how your CDM Management arrangements will need to be changed:

- Do you need to re-write your policies, procedures and templates?
- Do you need to train your own staff?

Make yourself familiar with the Key Changes; consider:

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- Plan to appoint a Principal Designer for new projects from 6th April 2015
- Formal appointment in writing
- Provide them with your pre-construction information

Check which of your projects will come under the new regulations

Are they notifiable?

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Some of the Key Changes to be aware of:

- CDM 2015 is a legal document enforceable under the Health & Safety at Work act 1974
- The new 2015 regulations statute makes the Client criminally accountable, therefore:
- The Client MUST maintain & review site-specific construction Project Health, Safety & Welfare arrangements to ensure they remain relevant throughout the life of the project. Substantial fines can be levied by the HSE where there are breaches.
- A Principal Designer is to be appointed with duties that include ensuring that ALL designers are fulfilling their duty to design out hazards and reduce risk within their designs considering during construction, maintenance, occupation and demolition.
- The role of CDMC no longer will exist. Those responsibilities are now transferred legally to the Client & Principal Designer.
- The Client must appoint a Principal Designer & a Principal Contractor for all projects where there is more than just one contractor appointed, INCLUDING those for Domestic Clients. A pre-construction plan must be provided.
- A Construction Phase Plan is required by the Principal Designer for ALL projects even if there is only one contractor, and even if the project is not deemed to be Notifiable. The Client MUST ensure that this exists and is fit for purpose prior to any work on site.
- Notification of a project to the HSE will ONLY be necessary where sites employ:
 - a) The construction phase exceeds 30 Working Days and the site employs more than 20 workers working simultaneously at any one time.
 - b) Involves more than 500 person days.
- Explicit competence requirements are replaced by requirements for skills, knowledge, experience and organisational capability.
- There are transitional provisions within the new Regulations such that CDM Coordinators appointed for current projects that extend beyond 6th April 2015 can continue until 6th October 2015. Before the expiry of this period the Client will have the legal duty to appoint a competent and adequately resourced Principal designer.

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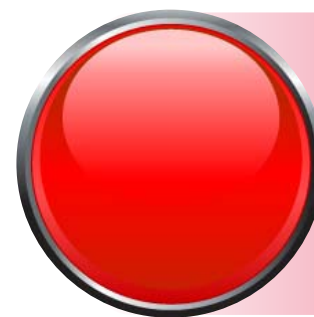
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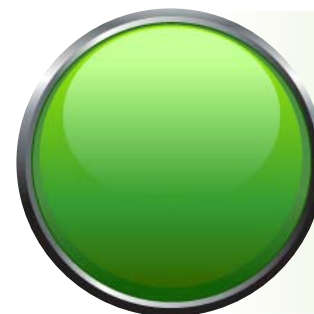
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