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CDM REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT CHANGES AND HOW THEY MIGHT AFFECT YOU





Changes to the CDM regulations will affect you.

Are you ready?

On 6 April 2015, the new Construction Design & Management (CDM) Regulations 2015 come into force, with wide-ranging changes that will affect all construction work, affect existing duty holders and create new ones.

Are you ready for the changes?

These changes, introduced by the HSE, are designed to improve worker protection, simplify the regulatory package and improve health and safety standards on small construction sites.

One of the main changes is the replacement of the CDM Coordinator role (“CDMC”) with that of 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 and safety is managed through the design process and the skills to be able to oversee health and safety during the pre-construction phase of the project and the ongoing design.

This will impact on everyone in construction.

For Clients:

- The CDM Coordinator will be replaced by a new duty holder, the “Principal Designer”.
- There will be transitional arrangements up to October 2015 to cover existing CDM Coordinator appointments.
- You must appoint a Principal Designer and Principal Contractor for projects where there will be more than one contractor.
- If you do not make these appointments you will be deemed to be taking on the roles.
- You will be responsible for notification of relevant projects to the HSE. The notification threshold has changed.
- Domestic clients are included for the first time.

For Designers:

- The new role of “Principal Designer” is introduced, largely replacing the CDM Coordinator. Alongside your designer duties, as Principal Designer, you will be responsible for preparing and providing pre-construction information and preparation of the Health & Safety File.



**For Principal Contractors:**

- Construction phase plans will be required for all projects where there is more than one contractor, but will no longer need to be checked by the client or client's advisor before a start on site.

Further advice and guidance.

TFT believe these new regulations represent a significant step forward in the fight to place the responsibility for managing risk onto those who create it - client, designer or whoever. The many skills and experience of our CDM Coordinators will not disappear with that role's demise, but will instead be put to use advising and assisting clients and principal designers in meeting their new duties under CDM 2015 and continuing to ensure buildings are safely and healthily constructed, maintained and occupied.

Tuffin Ferraby Taylor has an established and experienced CDM team for all your CDM 2015 requirements, be it as Principal Designer or as a CDM Consultant to help advise and assist you to meet all your duties under the new regulations. Contact us for further information.

The CITB have already published the final draft of the Regulations and draft guidance to replace the existing Approved Code of Practice. There is new guidance available from the CITB for each duty holder, found [here](#) and also new guidance from the HSE found [here](#).



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