





OVERHEATING: APPROVED DOCUMENT O

New Regulations

Approved Document O ('ADO') supports Part O of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010. This approved document takes effect on 15 June 2022 for use in England. It does not apply to work subject to a building notice, full plans application or initial notice submitted before that date, provided the work for each building is started before 15 June 2023.

Initial Building Control Submission Date

		Before 15 June 2022	From 15 June 2022
Works started	Before 15 June 2023	 Part O does not apply	 New 2022 Part O applies
	From 15 June 2023	 New 2022 Part O applies	 New 2022 Part O applies

Scenario	Acoustic Implications
ADO does not apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Building Regulation requirement to avoid overheating No Building Regulation limit on noise levels in bedrooms when windows are open to remove excess heat There could be planning requirements covering these issues Recommend following the guidance in the Institute of Acoustics / Association of Noise Consultants Acoustic, Ventilation and Overheating Guide (Mat Hyden, RPS - joint author)
Where development falls under ADO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building will need to demonstrate it does not overheat to comply with Building Regulations Cannot rely on open windows to remove excess heat from bedrooms if certain (onerous) noise criteria are exceeded There may still be some planning noise / overheating criteria to comply with during the daytime <p>It is strongly recommended that acoustic advice is sought to identify constraints on the building overheating strategy – most developments will be affected to some degree by the noise criteria of ADO.</p>

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