



Principal Designer CDM Changes

Key changes

- Replacing the CDM-C role with the Principal Designer (PD)
- All projects require Pre-construction Information and Construction Phase Plan (PCI CPP)
- Changes to the threshold for notification

Replacing the CDM-C with a PD

The PD will be responsible for:

- Planning, managing and monitoring the pre-construction phase
- Ensuring that where reasonably practicable, risks are eliminated or controlled through design work
- Passing information to the Principal Contractor (PC)
- Ensuring co-operation and co-ordination
- Ensuring designers comply with their duties
- Assisting the Client in preparing the pre-construction information (PCI)
- Preparing the health and safety file

Who are or who are likely to be designers?

The CDM Regulations says:

“Designer” means any person (including a client, contractor or other person referred to in these Regulations) who in the course or furtherance of a business –

- a) Prepares or modifies a design or*
- b) Arranges for or instructs any person under their control to do so*

Head Projects Group as Health and Safety Specialists can be appointed to be in control of the Health and Safety at the design of a project allowing us to act as the designer and therefore the Principal Designer.