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# Important changes to Part M

Changes coming into effect in October 2015! If the Initial Notice is in place and the works commence within 12 months, the requirements will not apply..

Approved Document M

Access to and use of buildings

has been split into two volumes:

- Volume 1 - Dwellings
- Volume 2 - Buildings other than dwellings

This 2015 edition of Approved Document M (Access to and use of buildings) - Volume 1: Dwellings only covers dwellings and contains updated guidance. In particular, it introduces three categories of dwellings:

- M4 Category 1 - Visitable dwellings , (Compulsory)
- M4 Category 2 - Accessible and adaptable dwellings (This is designated by planning)
- M4 Category 3 - Wheelchair user dwellings (Optional unless designated by planning)

Unless it is a one off house where M4 (1) category can be used most Planning Authorities will require the dwelling to meet M4 (2) Category.

ALL new dwellings are automatically deemed as M4 (1) Category 1- visitable dwellings and are required to meet guidance set out in Approved Document M.

The Approved Document (AD) also provides guidance for M4 (2) and M4 (3) category dwellings, these are only applicable if the PLANNING APPROVAL requires the dwelling to be either M4 (2) or an M4 (3) category dwelling.