

Title of the measure:	IRL 12 Building Control Regulations 1997
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General description

Building Control Regulations 1997

(S.I. No. 496 of 1997, S.I. No. 10 of 2000 and S.I. No. 85 of 2004)

The 1991 Regulations first came into force on 1 June, 1992 and were superseded by the 1997 Regulations on 1 July 1998. They apply to new buildings, extensions, material alterations and changes of use of buildings. Their purpose is to promote observance of the Regulations by supplementing the basic powers of inspection and enforcement given to Building Control Authorities by different sections of the Building Control Act, 1990. The Building Control Regulations do so in 2 ways:

- By requiring commencement notice of works (change of use) to be lodged with a fee, and
- Requiring a Fire Safety Certificate for most buildings, with the exception of houses and individual apartments. The construction of an apartment block is subject to the requirement - to ensure safety of persons in the building. They also detail exemptions to the regulations -not to the technical requirements of the Building Regulations.

Impact evaluation (Semi Quantitative Estimate)

low	medium	X high
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Definition of Impact:

Low: Impact below 0.1 % of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

Medium: 0.1 to below 0.5 % of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

High: 0.5 % upwards) of overall energy (fuel/electricity) consumption or energy-related CO₂ emissions in the tertiary sector of Ireland.

References

More information on various iterations of the Building Regulation can be found at

<http://www.environ.ie/DOEI/DOEIPol.nsf/wvNavView/wwdConstruction?OpenDocument&Lang=en>