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BUILDING REGULATIONS PART L

Part L of the Building Regulations deals with the conservation of fuel and power and is in 4 parts:

- Part L1A: New Domestic Dwellings
- Part L1B: Refurbishment of Existing Dwellings
- Part L2: New Commercial Properties
- Part L2B: Refurbishment of Commercial Properties

These regulations are both a useful form of guidance in the construction of a new dwelling and detail the minimum standards that must be attained in the building.

Adherence to the regulations will ensure:

- The limiting of heat gains and losses through the building fabric (floor, walls and roof), through fittings (doors and windows) and service pipes, ducts and hot water cylinders.
- That the fixed services (heating, ventilation etc) are energy efficient, are commissioned properly and that the householder is given the correct instructions and manuals to operate and maintain these services efficiently.

In order to comply it is unlikely to be sufficient to adopt the minimum guidance U values shown in Part L. One or more elements, fittings or services will need to be improved upon to ensure compliance.

A full copy of the SAP documentation can be found on the following link:

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/emissions/sap/sap.aspx>

VentRite employ a full time certified SAP assessor who can carry out your SAP calculations and advise how compliance may be achieved.

A copy of Part L and other building regulations can be downloaded from the following site:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/buildingregulations/publications/>