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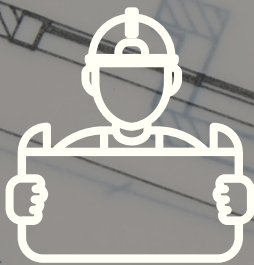
PRINCIPAL DESIGNER BUILDING REGULATIONS ENGLAND

Your questions answered

PDBR ENGLAND



The Association for Project Safety [APS] launched in April 2024 a principal designer building regulations (PDBR) register so that practitioners can demonstrate their competence to carry out the new dutyholder role created under the 2023 amendments to the Building Regulations 2010 (England) and in accordance with PAS 8671.



Employing someone on the APS PDBR Register will also allow clients to show they are complying with their duties under the law.

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Does APS have a register for principal designers carrying out the building regulations role?

Yes. APS has launched a register so that principal designers specialising in the building regulations dutyholder role [under the amended Building Regulations 2010] can demonstrate their competence. APS has set up a webpage on which you can apply to join the register.

Why should I sign up for APS PDBR Register?

Signing up for the APS PDBR Register means you can demonstrate to clients and contractors that you have the competence to carry out the principal designer building regulations dutyholder role created by the amended Building Regulations 2010.

Am I eligible to join the APS Register?

The APS register is open to all designers of all disciplines who have experience of managing building control applications in England. It is not confined to architects or any other single discipline.

Do I need to be a PD CDM to be on the Register?

The APS scheme has not combined the PD CDM and PD BR roles. APS does not require applicants to the PDBR register to be competent CDM dutyholders.

Do I need to know anything about CDM to be on the register?

An applicant for the PDBR Register is not required to evidence their knowledge of CDM 2015.

Do I need to undertake additional training?

No. APS does not require applicants to attend specific additional training. The application is evidence based (evidence of having the necessary knowledge and experience of Building Control processes in England).





How do I join the APS PDBR Register?

Anyone who can demonstrate their competence as a principal designer building regulations can join the APS PDBR Register via links on the APS website. You will have to be assessed and pay to join the APS PDBR Register.

How do I demonstrate my competence to be on the APS PDBR Register?

You can apply to join the register and qualified assessors will consider your competence based on written submission, evidence and interview. If they agree you are competent you can join the register after you have paid the appropriate fee.

I am already an APS member. Can I join the APS PDBR Register?

Yes. You will need to demonstrate your competence and, once you have done this and paid the appropriate fee, your name will go on the APS PDBR Register.

Do I pay the same to join the register as non-members?

No. Members of APS receive a discount.



I am not an APS member. Can I join the APS PDBR Register?

Yes. The APS PDBR Register will be open to all designers from any design discipline who are not currently APS members. You will need to demonstrate your competence and, once you have done this and paid the appropriate fee, your name will go on the APS PDBR Register.

Do I become a member of APS if I join the APS PDBR Register?

No. Being on the Register is not a membership category. Registrants will be encouraged to join APS to keep up to date on CDM2015, construction Health and Safety and to be able to benefit from the APS webinars, technical updates and publications which cover a wide range of subjects relevant to the construction industry.



How do I maintain my membership of the APS PDBR Register?

There is an annual fee to be on the APS PDBR Register.

How much will it/ does it cost to be on the APS PDBR Register?

The costs are shown on the APS website.

How much is the annual fee to be on the APS PDBR Register?

The annual fee is stated on the APS website.

I live and work in the devolved administrations, should I join the APS PDBR Register?

The APS PDBR Register is currently for practitioners carrying out the principal designer building regulations dutyholder role in England.

I live in the devolved administrations but have project work in England, should I join the APS PDBR Register?

Yes. The APS PDBR Register is for practitioners carrying out the principal designer building regulations dutyholder role in England.





I am looking for someone to take on the principal designer [building regulations] dutyholder role. Can I search the APS register?

Yes. You will be able to access the APS PDBR Register via the APS website and from there be able to make an enquiry by searching the Register. Search results will display that person's details including their employer (if appropriate) and contact details.

I work on Higher Risk Buildings – how will my clients confirm my competency on this type of project?

The application process has additional requirements for evidence for applicants working on HRBs. There will be two parts to the APS Register – to reflect competence relating to non-HRBS and HRBs.



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