

Technical Advice 003
ENE 3 - Preceding NOV 2010
Supplemental guidance on the assessment methodology for ENE 3

This Technical Guidance should be applicable to the following Code for Sustainable Homes Guide document:

- March 2007
- October 2007
- April 2008
- October 2008
- May 2009

1.0 Issue

The criteria for the 'Internal Lighting' issue within the above schemes, requires the provision of 'dedicated' energy efficient fittings which only accept low energy light bulbs. This was included to encourage the provision of energy efficient light fittings and reduce the total CO₂ emissions produced within the dwelling.

However, in recognition of recent changes to EU regulation, which relates to the phasing out of traditional, inefficient and high energy use, light bulbs, the 'Internal Lighting' issue within the Code is to be amended. The changes in regulation have resulted in the aim of the 'Internal lighting' issue being achieved without the requirement for dedicated fittings, and is now fully integrated within Building Regulations. To continue to insist upon the installation of dedicated fittings would fail to recognise the substantial changes in technology and supply of low energy lighting solutions. It would also impose unnecessary additional financial burdens on both developers and occupiers for no appreciable environmental benefit. This issue has been removed from the November 2010 version of the Code for Sustainable Homes for this reason.

For the above listed schemes the requirement for the provision of 'dedicated' light fittings will, therefore, no longer be applied to this issue. The number of credits awarded for this issue can be based upon the percentage of energy efficient light bulbs provided within the dwelling. All other criteria and definitions relating to this issue within the relevant Technical Guides remain unchanged.

This change to the criteria takes effect from 03/10/2011. For the avoidance of doubt, dedicated fittings will continue to meet the requirements of the credit but are no longer required.

2.0 Further Guidance

In the event that you require additional guidance on any of the issues above, please contact a member of the Code Service Team:

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