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this Newsletter is
worth 30 minutes
of CPD.**

Foreword



Spring has finally arrived, bringing with it a welcome shift away from the darker winter months and the challenges we've recently faced. The past few months have been a period of significant change—some positive, others more uncertain—with several questions still to be answered.

With the Government moving away from the ECO4 framework following its 9-month extension, we understand the sense of uncertainty across the industry. We've also seen developments such as the BUS Scheme removing the requirement for EPCs, alongside the delay of HEM to 2027.

Despite this, we remain optimistic. The introduction of the Warm Homes Plan as the primary initiative

for future home energy upgrades is a promising step forward. While we recognise that the lack of detailed guidance at this stage can be frustrating, we believe this delay reflects a commitment from Government to get things right—ensuring future schemes are effective, sustainable, and free from the issues that have affected previous initiatives.

Encouragingly, our ongoing discussions with Government are progressing positively. They are listening, engaging, and taking on board the expertise we bring from across the industry. While changes within Government over the past year have slowed progress in some areas, we have strongly advocated for a clear roadmap to provide visibility and certainty. This will enable us to better prepare and support our members for what lies ahead.

As your Accreditation Scheme, Quidos remains committed to supporting you every step of the way. We are excited about what 2026 holds, with a strong focus on growth, improvement, and deeper collaboration across the industry.

Our continued growth is a testament to your trust and confidence in the direction we are heading. We've seen increasing membership across all areas, and we take this as a clear sign that our shared journey is moving in the right direction.

We wish you a wonderful Spring and look forward to the year ahead with optimism and positivity.

Catherine Garrido, Managing Director

Industry News

Home Energy Model Consultation: Energy Performance Certificates

The UK Government launched a consultation on the Home Energy Model: Energy Performance Certificates, aiming to improve how building energy performance is measured and reported. It ran from the 21st January to the 18th March this year. The proposals signal significant change for the domestic EPC framework and the wider energy efficiency sector.

As a reminder whilst awaiting the results, the key areas under the consultation include how EPCs better reflect real-world energy use, the introduction of new headline metrics for domestic EPCs, the methodology underpinning the Home Energy Model, and updates to reporting, data quality and compliance requirements.

Quidos submitted a response, highlighting practical considerations for assessors, retrofit professionals and policy delivery. The consultation has closed and the responses are being analysed.

This opportunity will help shape the future of EPCs and ensure the framework works effectively for industry and consumers alike. Keep track of the consultation page [here](#).



Update on EPC Reform: Government Publishes Partial Response

The UK government has published its partial response to the Energy Performance of Buildings consultation, focusing on how Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) will measure building performance and when they will be required.

Reforms include introducing multiple headline metrics for domestic EPCs - such as fabric performance, energy cost and smart readiness - with further details and wider changes expected in 2026.

Read our full breakdown of what this means for the built environment [here](#).

The Future Homes Standard is here

The long-awaited response to the Future Homes Standard (FHS) consultation has been released - setting a clear direction for the decarbonisation of new homes in England. At its core, the Standard confirms a major shift away from fossil fuel heating, with heat pumps, heat networks, and renewable electricity like solar PV becoming central to new builds.

Billy Say, Quidos Scheme Manager, said:

"The implementation of the Future Homes Standard means new homes will be fit for the future. As events of the last month have shown, being overly reliant on fossil fuels and not offsetting our own energy needs with renewables can lead to ever increasing costs. The FHS sets out how we can have warmer, decarbonised homes as we head towards net zero."

The 'notional dwelling' has also been updated - now including heat pumps and mechanical ventilation as standard, with air conditioning added where required by Part O assessments. Alongside this, the Home Energy Model (HEM) has been introduced and will eventually replace SAP. While HEM:FHS has been delayed, compliance is available now through SAP 10.3, which has been updated to align with the new requirements.

David Jones, Quidos Energy Calculation Lead, added:

"Whilst disappointing that HEM:FHS has been delayed, it shows the resilience of the existing SAP methodology that it is able to provide comparable compliance outcomes for DESNZ and MHCLG to be confident in using SAP 10.3 to support the Future Homes Standard."



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The Future Homes Standard is here

What it means for new homes in England

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Quidos Events

Quidos Webinars

Over the past couple of months, we've had the pleasure of hosting two engaging and insightful sessions designed to support assessors through ongoing industry changes. We're grateful to everyone who joined us and contributed to the conversations.



Our Energy Efficiency in Transition CPD webinar focused on our 2025 review and explored the road ahead to 2026 and beyond. It was an informative discussion, packed with key updates and forward-looking insights to help assessors stay prepared in a changing landscape.

More recently we hosted a DEA Masterclass. This session provided a deep dive into important topics including RdSAP 10 updates, auditing challenges, and what the future may hold for the industry. It was a fantastic opportunity to share knowledge and practical guidance to help assessors navigate upcoming changes.



Thank you to our team for delivering such engaging and informative webinars, and for their ongoing dedication to supporting the assessor community.

We hope everyone who attended found the session's useful and now feel more confident within their career.

Non-Domestic MEES Webinar

Four years on from the non-domestic MEES consultation, uncertainty has continued due to the delayed government response. To help address this, PEPA (Property Energy Professionals Association) hosted a focused industry webinar, with Quidos pleased to feature alongside them.



During the session, we explored several key areas, including:

- The current status of the MEES consultation
- New EPC data analysis demonstrating potential impact
- The implications for non-domestic assessors and compliance
- Practical tools to help professionals engage effectively with their local MP

The session brought together professionals working across non-domestic EPCs and compliance, providing valuable insight into what may come next and how the sector can respond collectively. Don't miss out on the next one!

South West Energy Efficiency Awards 2026

We had a great evening at the South West Energy Efficiency Awards 2026! Thank you to the organisers of the Energy Efficiency Awards for a fantastic evening.

It was a pleasure to attend and see so many people from across the industry coming together to celebrate the hard work, innovation, and achievements driving the sector forward. There were so many passionate professionals and it was great to see outstanding work being recognised.

We are also proud to support the industry through our sponsorship of the Regional Solar PV Installer & Contractor of the Year Award. A big congratulations to all the nominees and winners and thank you again for a very enjoyable and well-organised event.



Accreditation

At Quidos, we pride ourselves on the range of CPD we have available to you. If you have uploaded CPD prior to your deadline, please do drop the Quidos Accreditation team a line and we will note this.

Not yet completed your CPD? Starting at just £14.99+VAT we have quick 30 minute to 1 hour courses as well as CPD bundles which include all round master-classes and practical guides to enhance your professional development. **Take a look [here](#).**

CPD deadlines

As assessors, you now have individual CPD deadline dates according to your accreditation date. You'll receive emails 6 weeks before your deadline, and then again 3 weeks before, so please keep track of this.

Any questions, or suggestions, please email training@quidos.co.uk



Keep it Compliant: 15-Year Record Retention

Members are required to retain information in a secure and resilient manner for a minimum period of fifteen years, in accordance with the Code of Conduct and in line with the [Scheme Operating Requirements \(SORs\)](#). This ensures that records remain accessible, protected, and reliable over the long term, supporting accountability and compliance obligations.

We've noticed as an accreditation scheme that this doesn't always happen in practice. It's worth taking a moment to check how you're storing and keeping your records, to make sure you're remaining compliant and protecting your accreditation.



Become a Retrofit Assessor

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Retrofit Assessor Course

The UK's retrofit sector is growing fast and demand for competent Retrofit Assessors has never been higher. The Quidos Retrofit Assessor Training Course gives you the theoretical and practical skills to expand into retrofit confidently and compliantly - built around real-world delivery.

Here's what you'll gain:

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- Guidance from assessors actively working in the industry

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Level 2

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On-Demand

2-Day Live



Professional Certification Scheme

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Upon qualification, learners can join the Quidos Protect Damp & Mould Certification Scheme, supporting professional recognition, promoting quality and competence, enhancing reporting standards, and strengthening compliance and industry confidence.

Planup

Have you heard about the integration between Quidos' RdSAP Mobile App and PlanUp?

This exciting development brings a new level of efficiency and simplicity to energy assessors across the UK.

With this integration, you can transfer RdSAP 10 data seamlessly between the two apps at the click of a button - no more double entry, no more wasted time.

It's all about making your workflow faster, smarter, and smoother.

What makes this launch so exciting:

- Comprehensive data transfer: Dimensions, extensions, alternative walls, habitable room counts, and lighting suitable for RdSAP 10.
- Advanced window data: Type, age, location, orientation, and more — all accessible in one place.
- User-friendly experience: PlanUp now appears as an available tool within your RdSAP Mobile App floorplans, making it easy to integrate into your day-to-day assessments.

This integration is designed to save you time, reduce errors, and simplify your EPC assessments - making your workflow more efficient and enjoyable.

Ready to see it in action? [Get Started with PlanUp](#)



Technical Support

Basement Technical Bulletin

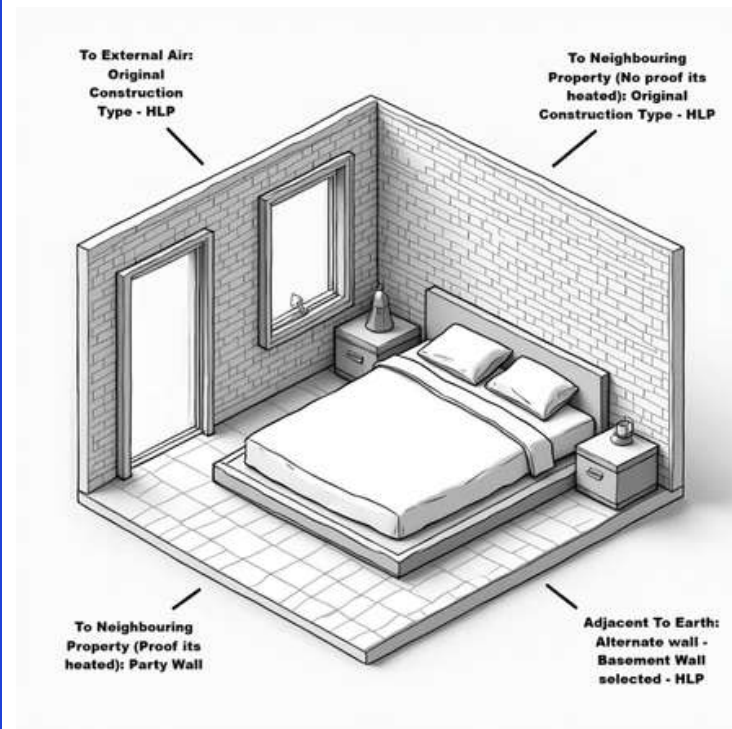
The methodology for assessing basements in RdSAP10 has been significantly revised.

Previously, basements were recorded by selecting the “heated basement” option and entering the relevant dimensions. However, this approach has now changed under RdSAP10.

As we know, a basement is defined as a floor which is at least 50% below ground level (only when the whole footprint of the basement is being taken into account).

The new options are ‘Basement Wall’ and ‘Basement Floor’. The wall option can be used in both main construction and alternative walls.

The following diagram across the page illustrates the updated methods for treating basements:

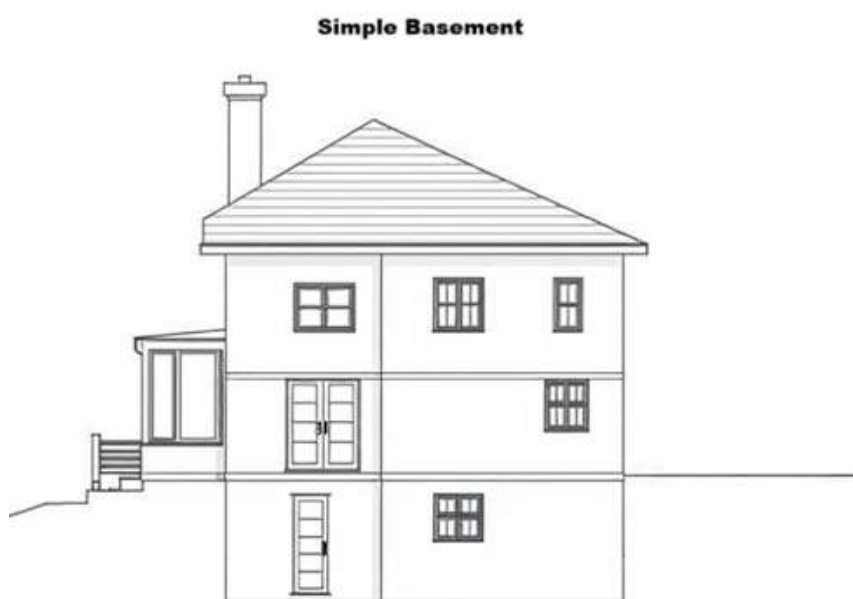


The main take-away is you only use an alternate wall for a basement wall when it goes to ground (earth) on the other side.

If the basement wall goes to open air, or the neighbouring property (with no proof of a heated basement next door), you must use the construction you see for the rest of the property and make it part of the HLP.

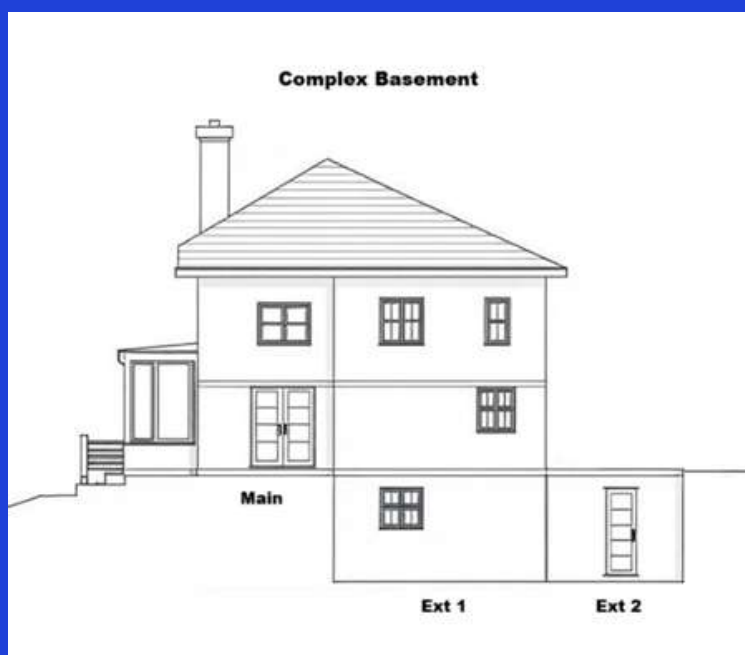
If you have proof of a heated basement in the adjoining next-door property, then it's a party wall as normal.

To expand further on this, we have provided our assessors with two examples of basements they may face and how each one shall be dealt with:



For the simple basement option, the basement is just recorded as the lowest habitable floor, and you enter the basement floor as the floor type, then record the basement wall as an alternative wall for the sections that are adjacent to the earth.

Now, for the more complex scenario, the property would have to be split into 'main property' and 'extensions' for this to be able to work. In this scenario, extension 1 would follow the rules from the main building in the 'Simple Basement' method, extension 2 in particular uses the basement walls and floor option in construction, with no alternate walls. Additionally, extension 2 would have 'unheated space above' as the roof type.





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Learn more about The F-Gas Register [here!](#)



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JPA Technical

We are pleased to announce that SAP 10.3 functionality is officially live and available within our JPA Designer software.



As the industry prepares for the full rollout of the Home Energy Model (HEM:FHS), SAP 10.3 serves as the essential bridge, allowing you to seamlessly complete FHS compliance calculations right now.

This critical software update integrates the new FHS parameters, including:

- The FHS Notional Dwelling: Now set with heat pumps, mechanical ventilation, and photovoltaics (PV) as standard.
- Part O Integration: Automatic inclusion of air-conditioning requirements within the notional building if your Part O assessment demands active cooling.
- Updated Metrics: Full integration of the latest carbon emission and primary energy factors aligned with the FHS methodology.

Ready to get started? Ensure your compliance workflows are up to date. The new version of JPA Designer 10, featuring SAP 10.3, is available for immediate download from the [JPA Technical website](#).

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