

Quidos Quarterly



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of CPD.**

Foreword



As summer draws to a close and we move into the autumn months, it's a good time to reflect on what has been a busy and eventful quarter for Quidos. The past few months have seen important developments that will shape the way we all work going forward, and I am pleased to share some of the highlights with you in this edition.

In July we saw the UK Government propose new Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards for social housing. Making it a requirement for all socially rented homes in England to meet EPC Band C by April 2030, the proposal included fabric-first improvements and new EPC metrics among other points. We have also seen the release of the BS40104:2025 for retrofit that will have an effect on how the world of retrofit is growing and adapting to industry needs.

These commitments continue to place energy efficiency at the heart of the agenda, and this is a major shift toward greener, warmer homes. While challenges remain, there is growing momentum that we can build upon together.

There's been some big news for Quidos too, we're excited to announce we're integrating with PlanUp! This partnership will create a more streamlined experience for you with all your tools in one place. We also have a shiny new piece of retrofit software being released in November that will bring all of the elements we have been working on together. These steps are all part of our wider commitment to support our members and help drive the industry forward.

It has also been a pleasure to engage with so many of you at events such as Housing UK and Ideas Fest. These opportunities to connect, share knowledge, and exchange ideas are invaluable as we collectively prepare for the exciting changes ahead. We will be attending several conferences in the latter end of the year, so please do come and see us.

Although the year is moving quickly, there is still plenty to look forward to before we head into 2026. We will continue to keep you informed of the latest updates and developments, and we encourage you to take full advantage of the resources and support available to you as part of the Quidos community. Thank you once again for your continued engagement and commitment. Together we're laying the foundations for a stronger, greener, and more efficient future.

Catherine Garrido, Managing Director

Industry News

EPCs - top agency questions their effectiveness

With government plans for all privately rented homes to reach EPC rating C by 2030, many landlords are losing confidence in the system. As a result, 40% are considering exiting the market, only 16% trust EPC ratings, and very few understand the advice it provides. Over a quarter stated that they would rather sell than spend the money to upgrade without financial support. Overall, landlords are feeling under-supported as new regulations come into place.

Similarly, tenants show little engagement, with 67% preferring lower rent over energy efficiency, and only one in four stating that an EPC influenced their decision to rent a property.

According to Alison Tompson, managing director at LRG, the system is not underperforming; instead, it is 'invisible to half the market'. She says reform is needed to improve clarity, incentivise investment, and engage tenants if EPCs are to play a meaningful role in decarbonising UK homes. [Find out more.](#)



ECO4 End Date Extended

The government is seeking views on extending the end date of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4). The scheme is currently set to end on March 31, 2026, but may be extended by 6 to 9 months.

The proposed extension offers further support for households, continued work for the supply chain, and time to strengthen customer protections. However, the ECO4 requires large energy suppliers to install energy efficiency and heating measures in homes,



reducing bills, carbon emissions, and improving warmth.

The consultation is open to all, but is particularly aimed at energy suppliers, energy efficiency installers, energy efficiency manufacturers, software developers, local authorities, consumer groups, and academic institutions.

EPC Study Findings are Queried

The Property Energy Professionals Association (PEPA) has argued against a report led by Atom Bank, which claims that UK banks may overestimate home carbon emissions by up to 50%. The study, which compared EPC estimates with meter readings, found little difference in emissions between homes rated as high and those rated as low.

However, PEPA insists that homes aren't equally efficient solely based on their energy use; some households may just under-heat their homes. They go on to say that EPCs are based on standard assumptions, whereas meter readings reflect people's behaviours, such as heating less to save money. Therefore, comparing EPCs and meter readings conflates two different metrics.

Although PEPA supports EPCs, they agree that the validity should be shortened from 10 years to 3-5 years due to the carbon factors that EPCs use, which can become outdated. PEPA further states, 'EPCs play a vital role in identifying where improvements can be made to reduce energy demand and improve building performance.' To read more from the article, click [here](#).



Links

[EPCs - top agency questions their effectiveness](#)

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Quidos Events

Ideas Fest

Despite the weather, Quidos had a brilliant time at Ideas Fest 2025 and it was nothing short of inspiring.

We joined many entrepreneurs and business leaders at this festival, and engaged in a diverse range of sessions that highlighted the creativity within our community.

We were especially proud to see our very own Nick Pritchard take the stage, where his insights and stories resonated strongly with the audience.



EEA Skills & Training

We attended the EEA Skills & Training Conference at the beginning of October.

The event brought together lots of people from across the industry to talk about the skills and training needed to deliver energy efficiency and grow the UK's green economy.

It was great to speak to those of you there!

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](#).

In addition to this, stay ahead in the industry and expand your expertise with our featured CPD course of the month. This feature will be coming in future editions of the Quidos Quarterly, so keep an eye out for it. Carefully selected to provide maximum value, the courses chosen are designed to enhance your professional knowledge while fitting conveniently into your busy schedule.

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



**Domestic Energy Assessor
Upcoming Course Dates**

24th - 26th November 2025

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Domestic Energy Assessor Course

Are you interested in expanding your qualifications and becoming a Level 3 Domestic Energy Assessor?

Our next available training course runs from **24th - 26th November 2025** - don't miss out on this opportunity to kickstart your career in domestic energy assessment.

Our training course consists of expert guidance, hands-on experience, and the skills needed to thrive in your new career. Our interactive remote sessions, led by industry professionals, will help you build confidence and expertise in a supportive learning environment.

You can find more details about the DEA course by [clicking here](#).

If you have any further questions and wish to contact us, please email us using training@quidos.co.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

PlanUp

Exciting news! We're thrilled to announce that Phase 1 of the Quidos RdSAP Mobile App and PlanUp integration went live on 13th October.

What's included in this release

Phase 1 of the integration introduces the ability to transfer:

- Dimensions (Area, Room Height, HLP, PW Length)
- Extensions
- Alternative Walls
- Habitable Room Counts
- Lighting suitable for RdSAP 10
- Comprehensive Window Data (type, age, location, orientation, and more)

This milestone marks a major step forward in improving efficiency for energy assessors by enabling seamless data transfer between the two platforms. With this update, RdSAP 10 data can now be shared instantly at the click of a button.

Once your RdSAP Mobile App updates on launch day, you'll see PlanUp listed as an available floorplan tool.

To celebrate, Quidos members who sign up to PlanUp will receive 50% off their first month, plus everyone gets a 2-week free trial.

- Offer ends 14th November 2025.
Learn more: [Full article](#)

- To claim your discount, email PlanUp with your Quidos membership number.

[Sign Up for PlanUp!](#)



HEM

On Thursday 2nd October, the Government published its long-awaited response to the consultation on the Home Energy Model (HEM) – the replacement for the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) in assessing the energy performance of homes.

This is a landmark step for the energy efficiency sector. HEM will underpin:

- Building Regulations compliance (Part L / Future Homes Standard)
- Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) in the future
- Broader policy decisions linked to energy efficiency and Net Zero

The Government has confirmed that the first version of HEM will launch in 2025, operating in parallel with SAP to allow the industry time to adapt.

Why the Home Energy Model Matters

HEM is not just an update to SAP – it's a transformation in how we model home energy performance:

- Energy performance will be simulated at half-hourly intervals, better reflecting real household energy use.
- It will account for low-carbon technologies, storage, and smart controls.
- A cloud-based platform (Energy Calculation as a Service – ECaaS) will provide consistent access.
- The open-source codebase will improve transparency and industry collaboration.

This will make HEM a more accurate and flexible tool for designing, building, and retrofitting homes fit for a Net Zero future.



Quidos' Role in Delivering HEM

We're proud to confirm that Quidos, in partnership with Sustenic, has been selected by the Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (DESNZ) to develop and maintain the HEM core engine – the technical heart of the new methodology.

This means Quidos will:

- Help design, build, and maintain the software engine that powers HEM calculations.
- Apply our expertise in energy assessment, accreditation, training, and software to ensure HEM works for industry and policymakers alike.
- Support our members and partners with insight, tools, and training throughout the transition from SAP to HEM.

What's Next

In the months ahead, consultation versions of the HEM engine will be released for industry feedback.

Quidos will also begin preparing our services and training to ensure a smooth transition for assessors, developers, and organisations.

We are proud to be at the centre of this critical transformation and look forward to working with our members, partners, and the wider sector to deliver a model that supports the UK's Net Zero ambitions.

Read the full government response here:

[Home Energy Model – Summary of Responses and Government Response](#)

Read more about our involvement here:

[Sustenic and Quidos to Develop and Maintain the Home Energy Model Core Engine](#)

Technical Support

RdSAP 10 Roof Rooms

This Technical Bulletin provides a quick insight into one of the bigger changes that has been introduced with RdSAP 10 which is the entry of roof rooms. For the full document, please click this link to find it on the Quidos website:

<https://quidos.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Roof-Room-Technical-Bulletin.pdf>

What is a roof room?

Firstly, the good news is that what constitutes a roof room has not changed with the introduction of RdSAP 10. If it was a roof room in 9.94 it is still considered a roof room now. Convention 2.06 provides us with the definition:

“For a roof room to be classed as such and not a separate storey, there must be no common wall, or the height of the common wall must be equal to or less than 1.8m, for 50% or more of the common wall (excluding gable ends or party walls), otherwise it is a separate storey. The common

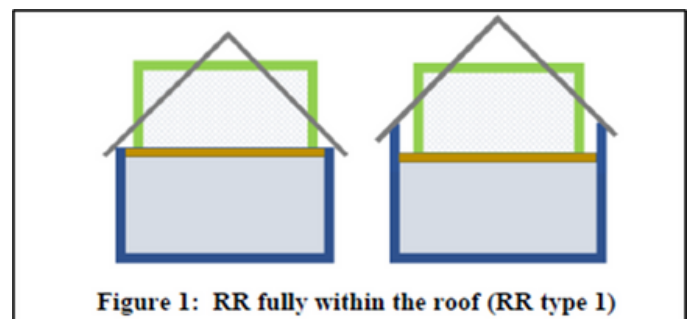
wall is a vertical continuation of the external wall of the storey below.

Type 1/Type 2 roof room

RdSAP 10 now distinguishes between roof rooms which are fully within the roof space (Type 1) and those where the accessible common wall is part of the roof room (Type 2).

Type 1 Roof Room

A type 1 roof room is what would generally be considered by the general public to be a roof room. Here is the diagram given within the SAP guidance document:



The below is a real life example of a type 1 roof room:



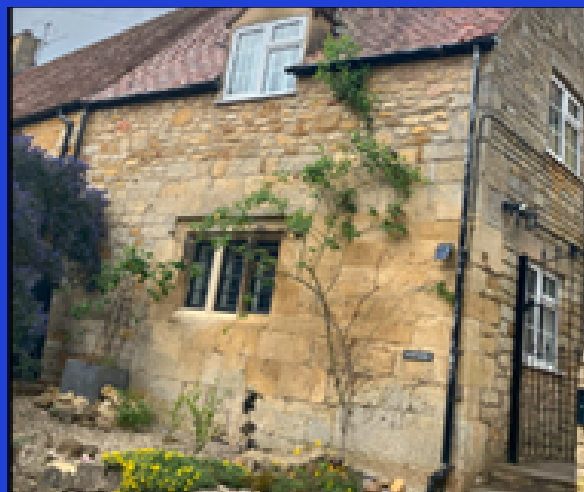
When a Type 1 roof room is encountered there are 6 pieces of information that need to be entered into the software which are:

- 1.Area of roof room
- 2.Age band
- 3.Gable Wall 1 Type
- 4.Gable Wall 1 Length
- 5.Gable Wall 2 Type
- 6.Gable Wall 2 Length

Type 2 Room Roof

Type 2 roof rooms can be considered almost as accidental roof rooms, where they only meet the definition because the height of the external common wall for the storey is less than 1.8m. They are less obvious than type 1 roof rooms and will often only be validated by measuring the height of the common wall internally.

The following pictures are all examples of type 2 roof rooms:



or a type 2 roof room there are 12 pieces of information that need to be collected and entered in the software. The same 6 pieces of information for a Type 1 roof room as well as the following 6 aspects:

- Gable Wall 1 Height
- Gable Wall 2 Height
- Common Wall 1 Length
- Common Wall 1 Height
- Common Wall 2 Length
- Common Wall 2 Height

In this below example the height and length of the gable on the other side is the same (2.9m and 3.5m) and therefore we have all the measurements we need.

The final pieces of information required are the adjoining conditions for the gables and we can see from above that the gable facing us adjoins to the exterior whilst the gable on the other side connects to a different part of the same property.



Our collective data entries for this roof room are therefore:

Roof Room Type	Type 2
Gable Wall 1 Type	Exposed
Gable Wall 1 Length	3.5
Gable Wall 1 Height	2.9
Gable Wall 2 Type	Connected
Gable Wall 2 Length	3.5

Gable Wall 2 Height	2.9
Common Wall 1 Length	4.8
Common Wall 1 Height	1.75
Common Wall 2 Length	4.8
Common Wall 2 Height	1.75

For more guidance, you can reach the full technical bulletin from the Quidos Support team on RdSAP 10 Roof Rooms by **[clicking here](#)**.



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Assessor Zone

PEPA Annual Conference

Join us again for this year's highly anticipated PEPA Annual Conference! This event brings together a great line-up of speakers including those from MHCLG, DESNZ, and the Scottish Government, as well as including an informative panel session with the scheme members.

Date - 2nd December @ 9:30am - 4:15pm

Location - Riverside Court, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8HY

Why attend?

- Be part of the conversation driving Net Zero
- Obtain up to 5 hours worth of CPD
- Connect with industry experts

Don't miss out – [secure your tickets now!](#)



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Energy Efficiency and Beyond
Tuesday 2nd December 2025
Up to 5 CPD hours available

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The day will conclude with the ever popular panel session with scheme members.

Don't miss your chance to connect, contribute and catalyse change – register now and be part of the movement shaping tomorrow's energy landscape.

Early bird price available until the end of September

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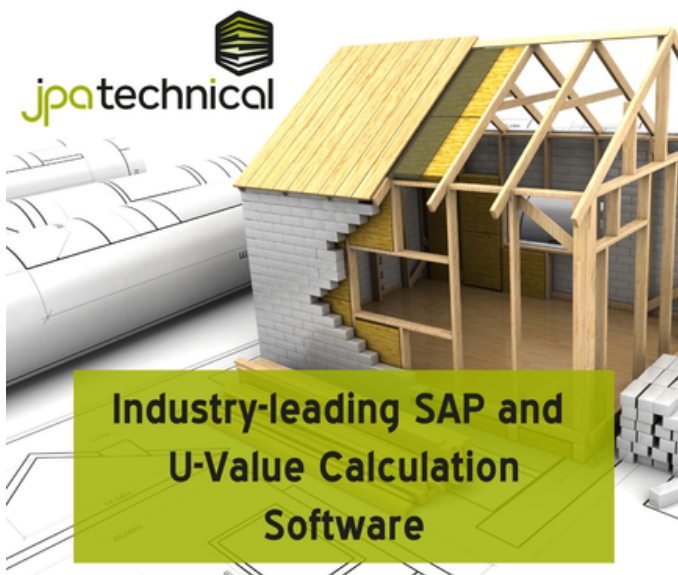


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