

## Energy Action Scotland response to the Consultation Questionnaire on Revised Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD) National Occupational Standards

This consultation only relates to the EPBD part of the NOS and not the "total suite" of NOS. There are changes happening to the underlying methodology of calculation i.e. RDSAP which will change next year to incorporate a number of new areas of property inspection e.g. cavity and external insulation in properties, draughtproofing and in some cases the orientation of the glazed areas of the property. Achieving a competent performance in these areas may require particular skills or evidence not within the scope of the original NOS developed for Energy Performance Certification.

### ASTDEA 4

2. Critical property features: wall construction, inadequate heating

4. Contraindications: non-traditional construction (system built).

5.3 clear photographs (need to be labelled or annotated clearly) photographs in themselves do not specifically indicate the subject.

### ASTDEA 5

1. Critical property features: wall construction, inadequate heating

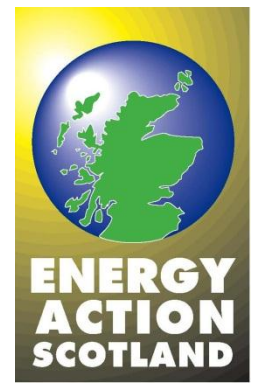
2. Component Parts: Where a measure has been specifically excluded by the assessor.

Q21: More time to consider the relationships between the NOS, awarding bodies and the requirements for training organisations/scheme managers, on-going development of SAP/RDSAP and the wider policy aims of the Energy Bill.

Q28: The NOS only appear to relate to maintaining an up-to-date knowledge in so far as it is concerned with the RDSAP software. New processes, materials and means of application are constantly under development. The assessor should have access either via formal CPD or other means to demonstrate that they or their Accreditation Body maintain a current view of the industry.

Q29. There are many factors that affect the sorts of improvement works which would be allowable under building listed status or within a conservation area. Rather than only expecting the assessor just to raise a unilateral concern, it should be specific to the conditions of the listing or of the restrictions in force throughout the conservation, world heritage site or national park.

Q30. Some knowledge of full SAP is necessary in order to correctly assess storage heating systems, appendix A of full SAP specifically covers the correct way to handle electric storage heating, this should be handled similarly under Appendix S. In addition, the conventions of SAP should apply where there is no supporting convention under RDSAP.



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