
Does CDM 2015 Apply to All Maintenance Work?

Description

No, CDM 2015 does not apply to all maintenance work. The definition of construction work under CDM 2015 remains the same as it was under CDM 2007.

Understanding CDM 2015 and Maintenance Work

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, also known as CDM 2015, is a set of regulations governing the way construction projects of all sizes and types are planned in the UK. While CDM 2015 has a broad application, it does not apply to all maintenance work.

Maintenance work can be categorized into two types: "routine" and "non-routine". Routine maintenance work, which is predictable and regular, is not covered under CDM 2015. This includes tasks like cleaning, decorating, and regular testing or servicing of equipment.

On the other hand, non-routine maintenance work, which involves fixing something that is broken or significantly deteriorating, could fall under the scope of CDM 2015 if it is considered "construction work". According to the definition in CDM 2015, construction work includes the carrying out of any building, civil engineering or engineering construction work. Therefore, whether CDM 2015 applies depends on the nature and complexity of the maintenance task.

For example, if a maintenance task involves structural alterations such as the removal of load-bearing walls in a building, it would be considered construction work and thus fall under CDM 2015. However, simple tasks like changing a light bulb or painting a wall would not.

It's important to note that even when CDM 2015 does not apply, employers and self-employed workers have a general duty under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 to ensure health and safety in their work activities. This includes maintenance work.

In conclusion, while CDM 2015 has a wide scope, it does not apply to all maintenance work. Always consider the nature of the work and if in doubt, seek professional advice.

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