

AN OVERVIEW OF

RdSAP 10: What's new to domestic energy assessments?

Following the introduction of RdSAP 10, there are a number of changes to the domestic energy assessment. This document provides an overview of these changes.

What Is RdSAP?

The Reduced data Standard Assessment Procedure (RdSAP) is the UK's approved methodology for assessing energy performance and generating Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) for existing dwellings. RdSAP 10 is the latest iteration of the methodology.

What Has Changed In RdSAP 10?

The introduction of RdSAP 10 has resulted in a number of changes to how domestic energy assessors conduct their assessments. These changes include:

Requirement to measure windows

Assessors are now required to measure all windows, rather than assume typical glazing areas for the age of the property. This is beneficial, as it means the data will be more reflective of the property and, thereby, more accurate.

Additional options for roof rooms

Assessors will be required to take a couple of additional measurements in order to capture the different construction types of any common wall and gable walls.

New age band

RdSAP 10 has introduced a new age band for properties built from 2023 onwards. This is likely to show an improvement in U-values (the measure of how effective a material is as an insulator).

Assessors can account for PV diverters and battery storage

When present in the property, assessors will be able to account for PV diverters and battery storage.

Heat Pumps to be recommended more

The government's low carbon solution of choice, Heat Pumps, will be appearing more often as a recommended improvement measure, under certain conditions.

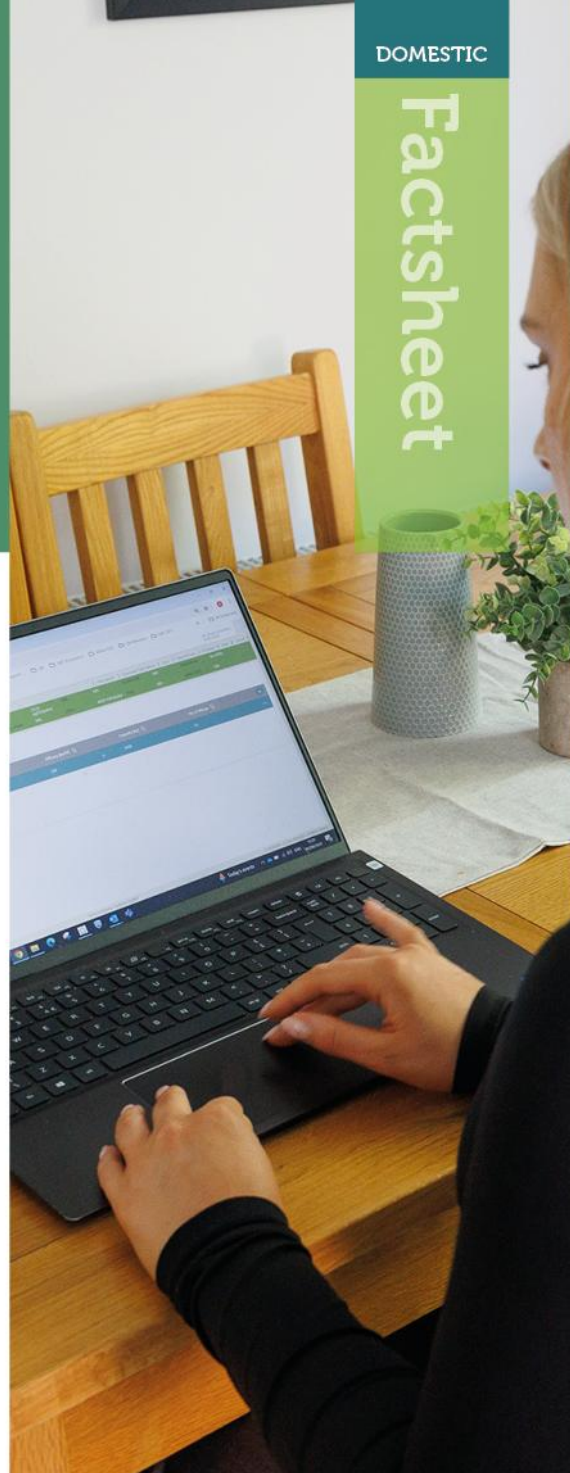
Pressure tests

Assessors will now be able to add the results of a Pressure test into RdSAP, providing it has been carried out by a competent person and if the right documentary evidence is available.

Duration Of Assessment

Under RdSAP 10, assessors are now required to spend more time on site in order to carry out the appropriate data collection. This means that the assessment may take longer than a previous assessment for the same property.

The duration and cost of the assessment will also depend on the size and complexity of the property.



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