Consultation Response Form - Amendments to statutory guidance on assessments in lieu of test in Approved Document B (Fire Safety)

This consultation provides an opportunity to comment on the proposal to amend the statutory guidance on assessments in lieu of test for establishing the fire performance of materials, components and systems for the purposes of establishing compliance in Approved Document B (Fire Safety).

You can email your response to the questions in this consultation to: enquiries.brconstruction@gov.wales.

If you are responding in writing, please make it clear which consultation and which questions you are responding to:

***Amendments to statutory guidance on assessments in lieu of test in Approved Document B (Fire Safety).***

Written responses should be sent to:

Amendments to statutory guidance on assessments in lieu of test in Approved Document B (Fire Safety), Building Regulations, Welsh Government, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1UZ.

If you have any queries on this consultation, please email: enquiries.brconstruction@gov.wales or telephone: 0300 062 8144.

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| **Data Protection** |
| Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tick the box below. We will then blank them out.Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone’s name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information. |

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**CONSULTATION FORM**

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| **Amendments to statutory guidance** |
| **Date:**  |
| Your Name: |  |
| Your Position *(if applicable):* |  |
| Your Organisation *(if applicable):* |  |
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| Your address: |  |

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| Designer / Engineer /Surveyor |  |
| Local Authority |  |
| Building Control Approved Inspector |  |
| Architect |  |
| Manufacturer |  |
| Insurer  |  |
| Construction professional |  |
| Fire and Rescue Authority representative |  |
| Property Manager / Housing Association / Landlord  |  |
| Landlord representative organisation |  |
| Building Occupier/ Resident |  |
| Tenant representative organisation |  |
| Other interested party (please specify) |  |

**Question 1.**

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| Do you agree with the proposed amendment to the text on how to undertake an assessment in lieu of test as outlined in Annex A?  |
| **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| **Unsure** |  |
| If no, please provide reasons and suggest alternative text: |
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**Question 2**

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| Do you agree with the proposed amendment to the text on who is permitted to undertake an assessment in lieu of test as outlined in Annex A? |
| **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| **Unsure** |  |
| If no, please provide reasons and suggest alternative text: |
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**Question 3**

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| Do you agree with the proposed amendment to the text on the circumstances under which an assessment in lieu of test may be carried out, as outlined in Annex A?  |
| **Yes** |  |
| **No** |  |
| **Unsure** |  |
| If no, please provide reasons and suggest alternative text: |
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**Question 4**

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| Do you have any other comments on the suggested amendments to the text? |
| Further Comments: |

**Question 5**

We would like to know your views on the effects that amendments to statutory guidance on assessments in lieu of test in Approved Document B (Fire Safety) would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

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| What effects do you think there would be?  |
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| How could positive effects be increased or negative effects be mitigated?  |
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**Question 6**

Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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| **Comments:**  |

**Question 7**

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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