

CDM 2015 Regulations – Client guidance information

The new CDM (Construction, Design and Management) Regulations 2015 are due to come into force on the 6th April 2015 with a six month transitional period through to the 6th October 2015.

CDM applies to *all* construction activities by commercial businesses of any size and for the first time to domestic clients.

Key points to take note of:

- The CDM Co-ordinator role will no longer be applicable.
- If there is *more than one contractor* working on your project then a Principal Designer (PD) and a Principal Contractor (PC) must be appointed. The PD is an organisation or individual that prepares or modifies a design for a construction project, including the design of temporary works, or arranges for or instructs someone else to do so. The PD is primarily responsible for the pre-construction phase of a project; *must* be a designer and be in a position to have *control* over the design and planning stage. If you do not appoint either a PD and/or a PC you will take on these roles and associated legal duties.
- As the client you have overall responsibility for the execution of the project with the roles of PD and PC all co-ordinating and communicating together.
- The PD has a duty for compiling and issuing preconstruction information to the PC with critical and high risk information to be provided by you, the client.
- The PD will be responsible for preparing and developing the Health and Safety File. If the PD's appointment finishes before the end of the project the file *must* be handed to the PC to complete.
- If your project is expected to last longer than 30 working days *and* have more than 20 workers working on the project at any one time or; exceed 500 person days, you will be responsible for notifying the HSE via an F10.
- A Construction Phase Plan is required for *all* construction projects regardless of duration or the number of workers on site. You must also ensure suitable welfare facilities are in place; ensure the PC (where applicable) management arrangements are suitable and they are complying to their duties and; ensure the Health and Safety File is being prepared, maintained and available.
- For projects starting before 6th April 2015, where the construction phase has not yet started and you have not yet appointed a CDM Co-ordinator, you must appoint a PD as soon as practicable.
- If the CDMc has already been appointed a PD must be appointed to replace the CDMc by 6th October 2015, unless the project comes to an end before then.

For more information please see the latest guidance provided by the Construction Industry Training Board: [CITB Client CDM Information](#) or contact me on toddhallam@chalcroft.co.uk or 07870242963.