

Display Energy Certificates

Display Energy Certificates (DECs) have been introduced to inform visitors to public buildings about its use of energy. DECs provide an energy rating of the building from A to G, where A is very efficient and G is the least efficient and are based on the actual amount of metered energy used by the building over a period of 12 months.

Public buildings must display a DEC in a prominent place clearly visible to the public and have in its possession a valid advisory report. The advisory report contains recommendations for improving the energy performance of the building.

Only buildings, with a total useful floor area greater than 1000m², occupied either by a public authority or an institution providing a public service to large number of people and therefore frequently visited by those persons are affected by this legislation. Private organisations, including those that may share a building with a relevant institution, do not need to display a DEC, but may elect to do so on a voluntary basis.

When DEC's Are Required

By 1 October 2008 if you are an occupier of a building requiring a DEC, you will need to display a DEC showing an Operational Rating in a prominent place clearly visible to the public. The DEC is valid for 12 months and needs to be updated annually. The Advisory Report which includes recommendations for improvements is valid for 7 years.

How 7Side Can Help

Display Energy Certificates and Advisory Reports can only be produced by a qualified and accredited non-domestic energy assessor. 7Side's in-house, qualified assessors are available to produce Display Energy Certificates and to advise on when a certificate is required and to what level, undertake the surveys, prepare the reports, and register the certificates. With 28 years experience in property services and renowned reputation for excellence will give customers assurance of 7Side's professional competence.

For an instant quotation or additional information on any aspect relating to Display Energy Certificates, please contact Amanda Biss or Sian Jones on 029 2045 1444 or email us at sian.jones@7side.co.uk.

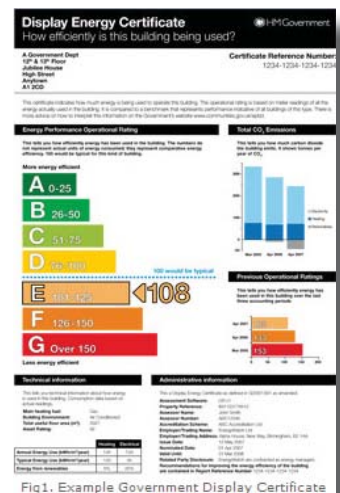


Fig1. Example Government Display Certificate