

Common Assessment Standard – Building Safety Section

Build UK has reviewed the Common Assessment Standard to reflect the position of scaffolding and temporary works in relation to the Building Safety Act.

Advice from Wedlake Bell LLP, supported by a [letter from the Building Safety Minister](#), confirms that scaffolding and temporary works do not fall within the scope of the Building Regulations which regulate ‘building work’, unless they form part of the structure once complete, meaning that the dutyholder and associated competency requirements are not directly relevant to such works.

However, scaffolding and temporary works do come within the scope of the Building Safety Act in relation to raising levels of competence across the industry.

Build UK will be publishing an updated version of the Common Assessment Standard on **1 November 2026**. The competence-related questions, which are currently in the Building Safety section, will be moved to the Quality section so that they are completed by all suppliers, and scaffolding and temporary works suppliers will not be required to complete the Building Safety section, unless they undertake ‘building work’.

Between now and when the updated version of the Common Assessment Standard is published, all suppliers going through the certification process for the Common Assessment Standard with one of the [Recognised Assessment Bodies](#) will be required to successfully complete the competence-related questions numbered 135, 136 and 138, even if they are not required to complete the remaining dutyholder questions in the Building Safety section.

For further information on completing the Common Assessment Standard, please see our [guide to the question set](#).