

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE SAFETY CERTIFICATES

In addition to Article 13 of the Building Control Regulations 1997 Donegal Fire Service require the following information to be included in all Fire Safety Certificate Applications.

Drawings:

1. All drawings should be clearly numbered and a schedule of same provided (schedule can be provided on the cover letter).
2. The relevant site boundary is to be outlined red on the site location map and the site layout plan. On the layout plan the proposed works/building is also to be clearly highlighted.
3. Fire brigade vehicle access should be clearly indicated on the site layout with appropriate yellow hatching.
4. On the floor plans and sections we require that all compartment walls, compartment floors, separating walls, protected entrance halls, protected corridors or any fire resisting construction should be hatched/highlighted with a solid coloured hatch (individual colours for individual fire resisting elements). A legend identifying same should be provided on all relevant drawings.
5. All escape routes, doors on escape routes, final exits and stairs are to be dimensioned on floor plans and sections.
6. All rooms and areas are to be clearly labelled on both the floor plans and section drawings. Multiple apartments should have apartments No's.
7. Please ensure that all drawings state 'fire cert application stage' (as opposed to 'planning' or 'tender' drawings).
8. For heating Appliances please see No. 12 below.
9. Enclosing rectangles should be shown on relevant elevations.
10. Worst-case scenario travel distances should be indicated on each floor plan.

Reports:

11. At the start of each report, please clearly state what codes of practice are to be used to fully assess the proposed building and also clarify which version of TGD-B is to be used (i.e. 1997 or 2006 - depending on when the planning application was lodged).
12. Explain exactly how the building is to be heated, and detail the location of all fuel storage tanks, boilers, burners, cut-off valves etc. also confirm that all heating appliances will comply with TGD-J. All the aforementioned should be indicated on the relevant drawings.
13. Give a detailed description of what type of fire detection and alarm system is to be installed. i.e. type L1, L2, etc.
14. Explain how refuse is to be dealt with and show the location of any relevant stores.
15. Show the location of the fire alarm control panel(s) and any such repeater panels.
16. Specification of surface spread of flame classifications must be accompanied with actual construction methods proposed to achieve these.
17. Detail all construction elements in the report, i.e. internal and external walls, floors stairs, roof, etc.
18. Any areas requiring special attention should be highlighted and details of methods of dealing with same should be specified. i.e. bulk fuel storage, gas tanks, spray booths, storage of hazardous materials, dust extraction, etc.

General:

19. Please ensure that all relevant sections of the relevant codes of practice are included and that all aspects of the fire regulations are put into practice in the buildings/developments.
20. If Section 1.1 of TGD-B references a code of practice for assessing the means of escape from a building please ensure that code is used and included in the compliance report.