

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

*Schools who are members of TPM4Schools or manage capital work through DBE Services do not need to worry about these new regulations other than to make sure that as the client they ensure that the consultant is providing all the necessary services to meet the regulations. Any consultant recommend by DBE Services will do this automatically.*

*Schools who manage their own projects will need to ensure they comply with the regulation which can be found at*

*<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/51/contents/made>*

*Brief explanation of the changes:*

*The 2007 Regulations have been superseded by these 2015 Regulations which came in at the beginning of April 2015. There is a transitional arrangement for projects already started but new ones must follow the new regulations. The purpose is to further improve health and safety during building projects and to widen the scope of projects subject to these regulations.*

*Basically the CDM Co-ordinator role is being abolished and now the Schools must appoint a Principal Designer and a Principal Contractor. The former having control over the pre-construction phase and the latter having control over the construction phase. The powers that be have decided the way to achieve this is to put more responsibility on to the Client. These responsibilities cannot be delegated by Schools but they can still seek advice and help in complying with their responsibilities and their consultant should make all the necessary arrangements for them to ensure they are compliant with the regulations. In practice the lead consultant will need to be appointed as the Principal Designer.*

*In practice what we think should and will happen is that Schools should appoint their Lead Consultant as the Principal Designer. They should advise the School what their responsibilities are and what they need to do to comply with these new regulations. Following tender the consultants will need to ensure that one contractor is appointed as Principal Contractor.*

*Previously most of the Consultants used by the DBE Services had in house capability to carry out the CDM Co-ordinator role or had set up subsidiary companies to carry out the role. The latter will continue under the guise of CDM Consultant/Adviser.*

*If there is going to be a problem it will be when a School is using a "one man band" or trying to do jobs themselves. The latter is now more of a concern as the new regulations have widened the scope which is more likely to include jobs which some Schools think themselves capable of dealing with.*

*If you want to read more HSE have published some good guidance.*