



A Guide to Display Energy Certificates (DECs)

DEC compliance made easy with LASER Energy

LASER is a public sector-owned provider of Display Energy Certificates (DECs). With over 1,000 DECs completed annually by our in-house team of fully accredited assessors, we are the trusted DEC provider for schools, libraries, universities, central and local government offices, and other public buildings that provide public services.

Our locations include South East and London, and we cover all sizes and types of public property, from single buildings to multiple buildings at one site or multiple buildings at individual sites. We aim to make compliance as smooth and painless as possible, making managing and maintaining your DEC portfolio easy.

Why do public buildings need a Display Energy Certificate?

Display Energy Certificates (DECs) are a mandatory requirement for buildings frequently visited by the public, occupied in whole or part by a public authority or an institution providing a public service, and with a floor area exceeding 250m².

DECs use actual energy data to evaluate the efficiency of a building (we call this operational efficiency). This gives the building a rating of A-G, similar to appliance labels, but it's based on actual energy consumption. DECs use industry benchmarks so that occupiers can see how efficient their building is compared to others of the same type and size. Those with larger portfolios can use them to identify poorly performing buildings that may need closer attention.

Organisations are subject to financial penalties for failing to meet Display Energy Certificate (DEC) regulations. Not having a required DEC or failing to display a valid DEC prominently can result in a £500 fine. Furthermore, an additional penalty fee of £1,000 may be charged for failing to have a valid advisory report.

Why choose LASER as your DEC provider?



Competitive pricing with discounts for large sites with multiple buildings.



Free no obligation quote.



We prioritise efficiency to provide adaptable turnaround times that match your needs. Plus, if you're already a LASER customer and we hold your energy data, we'll use it to streamline the process, reducing DEC production time.



We are a trusted public sector owned provider of DECs, issuing over 1,000 certificates annually to schools, councils, NHS Trusts and other public bodies.



We'll help you identify sites/buildings within your portfolio that require a DEC and determine when recommendation reports are needed.



Flexible and hassle-free survey booking: Our team will liaise with onsite personnel to arrange access and schedule your survey at a time that suits you.



Our in-house assessors are fully qualified and accredited with industry recognised certification bodies.



Reminders when Display Energy Certificates and Recommendations Reports are due for renewal.



LASER's DEC service includes:



DEC assessment

Our accredited assessor will undertake a site tour of the building(s), and collect and review energy consumption data in accordance with the government-approved methodology, making any necessary adjustments for occupancy, special energy uses, weather and climate. The assessor will require site plans either to scale or showing floor area. If these are unavailable, we provide a service to measure the building.



DEC Certificate and Recommendation Report

Using the last 12 months of energy data, the assessor will generate an accurate Display Energy Certificate, along with a detailed recommendation report on how to improve the building's energy performance.



Registering and issuing your certificates

We'll promptly register your DEC certificate(s) on the government registry and provide you with electronic copies for display to ensure you remain compliant.



Dedicated support

Our team is here to answer your questions and guide you through the process.

Need a DEC assessment?

We have a team of accredited energy assessors who are highly trained and experienced in conducting the DEC site survey. We issue more than 1,000 DEC certificates and recommendation reports for public buildings each year. Our focus is on quality and accuracy, aiming to provide maximum value from this mandatory requirement.

For more information about our services, email us, phone us or visit our website.



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FAQ's

How long is a certificate valid?

For buildings over 1,000m², the certificate is valid for 12 months, and the Recommendation Report (RR) is valid for 7 years. A site visit is required to renew an RR or if significant changes have been made to the building, such as an extension. For buildings between 250m² and 1,000m², DEC Certificates and Recommendation Reports are both valid for 10 years.

How long does it take to produce a DEC and Recommendation Report?

The time it takes depends on the size and complexity of the building being evaluated, but we make every effort to carry out the assessment and produce the documentation within the requested timeframe of our clients. For existing customers, where we already hold your energy usage data, this will speed up the process. Plus, if we manage your energy contracts, we can include DEC costs in your energy bills, saving you the hassle of procuring these separately.

Will you travel anywhere to carry out a DEC?

Our accredited assessors are based in London and the South East, and we complete regular surveys in these regions. For projects outside these areas, we can explore travel options to conduct multiple DEC's in one trip. For a personalised quote and to discuss your specific location, get in touch with us using the details above.

How much does it cost?

The cost depends on the size and complexity of your building(s). To provide you with a quote quickly, simply tell us:

- ✓ Number of buildings/sites needing certificates.
- ✓ Address and postcode for each building.
- ✓ Total floor area of each building.



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