

## APPROVED DOCUMENTS RESEARCH

### Why we are doing this research

The Building Safety Regulator's (BSR's) Technical Policy team is planning an official review of the Approved Documents (ADs) – the statutory guidance documents that advise on how to meet the Building Regulations – which is expected to build on the findings of an Expert Group that was set up by the Government in line with a recommendation in Dame Judith Hackitt's Interim Report on Building Regulations and Fire Safety in 2020.

The Expert Group recommended the Government should carry out further research with the construction industry to understand who uses ADs, how they are used and where they are used. This will help to understand what guidance is used by the construction industry to comply with building regulation requirements, where ADs fit into this and what this means for the development of ADs in future.

The overall aim of this research is to understand perceptions of the ADs, any barriers to use and potential solutions. To achieve this, we are seeking input from a range of professionals with experience of working in different roles in the built environment.

### Have your say

This is an opportunity for you, or people you know, to help to develop the ADs.

We would like to hear from a broad range of people including:

- Building control professionals
- Architects, designers, engineers & fire safety consultants
- Product manufacturers
- Developers and clients
- Contractors and tradespeople
- Representatives of consumers / homeowners

The research will be conducted **online via Zoom in a 60-minute discussion, at a time convenient for participants in February.**

**As a thank you for taking part in this research, participants will receive £100, which you can choose to take as a payment, donate to charity or refuse.**

### How to get involved

If you, or someone you know, meets the description of who we are looking for and are interested in getting involved, **please email Marios Zampetis [marios.zampetis@veriangroup.com](mailto:marios.zampetis@veriangroup.com) to express your interest.** Marios will be able to answer any questions about the content and logistics of the research.

If you have any questions about the authenticity or purpose of the research, please let Marios know, and we can put you in touch with relevant people at HSE.

### **What happens next**

Once you have expressed an interest, the research team will be in contact to arrange a time to speak with you.

### **Confidentiality/Ethics**

This research is completely voluntary and will be conducted in accordance with the Market Research Society Code of Conduct [Code of Conduct | Market Research Society \(mrs.org.uk\)](#). Verian is independent from HSE, and your information will be used for research purposes only. **Verian will not pass your personal details on to anyone outside Verian's core research team and your name and organisation will not be used in the reporting of this project.**