

Table 0.1

Classification of buildings by purpose group

Use	Group	Purpose for which a building or compartment of a building is used
Residential (Dwellings)	1(a) ⁽¹⁾	Dwelling house with no storey with a floor level which is more than 4.5m above ground level.
	1(b) ⁽¹⁾	Dwelling house with a storey with a floor which is more than 4.5 m above ground level.
	1(c)	Flat or maisonette.
Residential (Institutional)	2(a)	Hospital, nursing home, home for old people or for children, school or other similar establishment used as living accommodation or for the treatment, care or maintenance of people suffering from illness or mental or physical disability or handicap, where such people sleep on the premises.
Other Residential	2(b)	Hotel, hostel, guest building, residential college, hall of residence, and any other residential purpose not described above.
Office	3	Premises used for the purpose of administration, clerical work (including writing, book keeping, sorting papers, filing, typing, duplicating, machine calculating, drawing and the editorial preparation of matter for publication, handling money (including banking and building society work), telephone system operation).
Shop	4(a)	Premises used for a retail or wholesale trade or business (including retail sales by auction, self-selection and over-the-counter wholesale trading, the business of lending books or periodicals for gain and the business of a barber or hairdresser) and premises to which the public is invited to deliver or to collect goods in connection with their hire, repair or other treatment, or where they themselves may carry out such repairs or other treatments.
Shopping Centre	4(b)	A building which comprises a number of individually occupied premises to which common access is provided principally for the benefit of shoppers.
Assembly and recreation	5	Place of assembly ⁽²⁾ or recreation, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) a theatre, public library, hall or other building of public resort used for social or recreational purposes, (ii) a non-residential school or other educational establishment, (iii) a place of public worship (iv) a public house, restaurant or similar premises used for the sale to members of the public of food or drink for consumption on the premises. (v) a sports pavilion, stadium, grandstand, or other spectator accommodation. (vi) a terminus, station or other facility for air, rail, road or sea travel.
Industrial ⁽³⁾	6	Factories and other premises used for manufacturing, altering, repairing, cleaning, washing, breaking-up, adapting or processing any article, generating power or slaughtering livestock.
Storage ⁽³⁾	7(a)	Place for storage or deposit of goods or materials (other than described under 7(b))
	7(b)	Car parks designed to admit and accommodate only cars,
Other non-residential	8	Any other non-residential purpose not included in any other purpose group