

























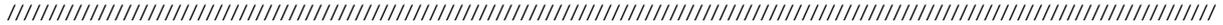


# INSPECTION PROTOCOL

Energy performance certificate for existing buildings with residential function, non-residential function and common parts

## Part IX: Ventilation

Valid from 1 January 2024







Assumption when formatting the EPC:

**Only the presence of ventilation provisions** (= natural and mechanical ventilation openings and mechanical ventilation devices) should be established for the formatting of the certificate. The functioning (proper or otherwise) of the system should not be determined. It is always assumed that the ventilation provisions in place **are correctly designed** and **function correctly**.

It is also not necessary to verify compliance with the ventilation standard or the EPB regulation. The ventilation flow rates, the size of entrance and drain openings and the presence of flow openings should also not be inspected.

It is not necessary to specify which total systems are in place (system A, B, C, D, etc.). In the case of renovations in particular, it is possible to use a mix of systems that are not always unambiguously separate from each other. The EPC software will automatically generate conclusions and recommendations based on the installed ventilation provisions.

For example, the EPC software will automatically test whether there are minimum ventilation provisions available. This is the case if:

- at least 75 % of the wet spaces and all kitchens, bath and shower rooms
  - have a natural supply connected to a vertical drain, or
  - have a permanently rotating mechanical provision, *and*
- A minimum of 75 % of the living spaces (with window openings to the outside, see IX.4.2)
  - have a natural supply (regardless of type), or
  - have a permanently rotating mechanical provision.

For the purpose of determining the percentage, only the number of wet and living spaces is taken into account, not the surface areas. For the minimum number of spaces which must comply, it is arithmetically rounded to the nearest integer.

If not all of the conditions are met, then there are no or insufficient ventilation provisions in the unit and this is also automatically stated on the EPC. For the part of the unit where there are no natural or permanent ventilation provisions, a notional ventilation system is calculated automatically determining the energy score: mechanical supply and discharge, without regulation and without heat recovery.

### **IX.3 Roadmap for inspection of ventilation provisions**

#### IX.3.1 EPC residential or EPC small non-residential

##### **1. Step 1 Determine the wet spaces and the living spaces**

Procedure

Check the conditions set out in the inspection protocol under IX.4 to determine how a wet space and how a living space is determined.

All wet spaces and living spaces must be entered. Surface areas or volumes of the wet and living spaces should not be determined.

Garages, circulation spaces and 'dark' living spaces are not entered (see IX.4).

##### **2. Step 2 Determine the ventilation openings and type for each wet space and for each living space**

Procedure

Check the conditions set out in the inspection protocol under IX.5 to determine what is deemed a ventilation opening.

Determine the presence of ventilation openings and type (the number of openings should not be determined):





IX.4.2 Mixed spaces

If a wet space and living space are combined in the same room, a notional split is made into one wet space and one living space. Both rooms are individually checked for ventilation openings. If the net floor surface area (see part IV of the inspection protocol) of the total mixed space is less than 6 m<sup>2</sup>, then this space can be entered as one wet space.

*Example*

- *One bedroom with en-suite bathroom, without lockable door between the two: to be entered as one wet space and one living space*
- *An open kitchen, in open connection to the living room: to be entered as one wet space and one living space*
- *A shower room in a bedroom with floor area of 5 m<sup>2</sup>: enter as one wet space.*

If multiple wet functions are combined in the same space, this is taken together into one wet space. If multiple living functions are combined in the same space, this is taken together into one living space.

*Example*

- *A shower room in the kitchenette of an apartment: enter as one wet space.*
- *The living room, via a loft in open connection to the office one floor higher: to be entered as a single living space.*
- *The living room, dining area and TV corner are located in the same open space: to be entered as a single living space.*

**IX.5 Ventilation openings**

The energy expert enters the existing ventilation openings for each space. The possible ventilation openings are:

- Natural ventilation openings
- Mechanical ventilation openings

It should not be inspected whether a ventilation opening works effectively, and whether a ventilation opening supplies or drains air. Only the presence and type must be inspected.

It is possible that ventilation openings are visually concealed in indoor furniture, in line grilles in the ceiling, etc. . Non-visible ventilation openings can only be entered if evidence demonstrates they are present, such as the plan of the ventilation system or the ventilation performance report.

IX.5.1 Natural ventilation openings

This concerns ventilation openings through which air flows naturally. The ventilation opening is not linked to a mechanical ventilation device.

A natural ventilation opening should always be in contact with air from the outside environment. A natural ventilation in contact with a basement, an adjacent unheated space or an adjacent heated space may not be entered.

There are no conditions for the controllability of natural ventilation openings (as opposed to the EPB requirements). The natural ventilation openings that can be entered are:

- grilles in exterior wall, sloping roof, window or exterior door (usually with grid on the inside and outside)
- grilles in wall, inclined roof or flat roof, connected to vertical shaft or vertical duct to above the roof surface (air pipe)

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4.2 §2.1.2.8.2

Above Eq.93,

The number of meals prepared per service:

The parameter n<sub>meal</sub> depends on the surface area of the kitchen A<sub>use,kitchen</sub>:

Replaced by

The number of meals prepared per service:

\* The number of meals prepared per service n<sub>meal</sub> can be entered directly.

If the number is not directly entered,\* the parameter n<sub>meal</sub> is calculated according to the use area of the kitchen A<sub>use,kitchen</sub>:

At the bottom of the paragraph, the following is entered:

\*For the calculation of the annual net energy demand for sanitary hot water from kitchen counters, where the number of meals per service was directly entered, n<sub>meal</sub> = min (n<sub>meal, entered directly</sub>; n<sub>meal, calculated</sub>)\*.

4.3 §2.1.3

Under Eq. 113,

l<sub>tubing,sink</sub> the average length of the pipes to a kitchen counter is equal to 20 m;

replaced by

l<sub>tubing,sink</sub> the average length of the pipes to a kitchen counter is equal to \*10\* m;

4.4 §2.1.4

In Table 41, a line is added at the bottom:

*Direct residual heat recovery	1.00	1.00
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4.5 §2.1.5

The second paragraph is replaced by:

The same formalism for the determination of the preferred generator is used as in the case of space heaters; \*determine the preferred generator as described in § 2.1.4.1, for the generation return of the generator, the generation return for sanitary hot water is then used.\*

Table 60 is replaced by:

	instantaneous heating	with heat storage or unknown
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For producers for which measurements are only available in one location, the return is determined as follows:

- As laid down in Table 73 for devices that provide \*cooling, space heating and/or humidification, whether or not in combination with the production of sanitary hot water, except electric air/air heat pumps. For heat pumps \*in heating mode, the value from this table is the SPF, for chillers and heat pumps in cooling mode the SEER (space cooling) or SPER (process cooling). This still needs to be converted into an electrical and thermal return as defined above.
- Electric air/air heat pumps \*in heating mode: here the return is taken equal to the SCOP if it is known and greater than the COP test (if known). In all other cases, the return is determined according to Table 73. The SCOP should be determined in accordance with European Regulation (EU) 206/2012 or (EU) 2016/2281. In both cases, this value is the SPF, which still needs to be converted into an electrical and thermal return as defined above.
- \*Electric air/air chillers or heat pumps in cooling mode: here, the return is taken equal to the SEER or SEPR according to the European Regulation (EU) 206/2012 or (EU) 2016/2281. If this value is not known, the return is determined according to Table 73. In both cases, this value is the SEER or SEPR, which still needs to be converted into an electrical and thermal return as defined above.
- As laid down in Table 73:for solar boilers that produce only sanitary hot water
- According to §2.1.5.1 for devices that produce only sanitary hot water and are not solar water heaters. For heat pumps, this particular return is the SPF, which still needs to be converted to an electrical and thermal return as defined above. For all other generators this is the thermal return; if the electrical return also has to be determined for a CHP, this is determined as set out in Table 73.

The energy carrier is assumed as follows when:

- If fuel 'Heavy fuel oil' or 'Diesel oil/gas oil' was chosen for the producer, the determination of the return is based on 'Fuel oil'
- If fuel 'Natural gas: high calorific', 'Natural gas: low-calorific, 'Propane', 'Methane', 'Butane', 'Hydrogen gas' or 'Biogas' were chosen for the determination of the return of '(Natural) gas'

Where the same producer operates several installations or units which generate different efficiencies for the same producer, the lowest of these returns is awarded to that producer.

**Table 73: Generation return for the calculation of the renewable share, when return cannot be calculated, it is always stated which return is involved**

Producer	Return	
	Coupling installation energy score	Value in the absence
Boiler not obtained from biomass, biogas extracted on site or liquid biofuel extracted on site	Thermal return determined according to §2.1.4.2.1 and §2.1.4.2.2	Thermal return according to Table 75
Heater not obtained from biomass, biogas extracted on site or liquid biofuel extracted on site	Thermal return determined according to §2.1.4.2.2	Thermal return according to Table 44
Boiler or stove on biomass, biogas extracted from the site or liquid biofuel extracted on site	Thermal return: 1	
CHP	Thermal and electrical return determined according to §C.1	Thermal and electrical return determined according to §C.1.2 (type CHP 'other')
Electric heat pump *in heating mode with ambient heat as source	SPF determined according to §2.1.4.2.3	SPF according to Table 52
*Residual heat recovery via electric heat pump in heating mode	SPF determined according to §2.1.4.2.3	SPF: 4
Gas absorption heat pump	SPF: 1.2	
Heat pump with gas-powered engine	SPF: 1.2	
Heat pump on gas, type unknown	SPF: 1.2	
*Electric compression chiller or heat pump in cooling mode	SEER = $\min(\eta_{Gen,cool,m})$ according to §2.1.4.3	SEER determined according to *Table 76
*Geo-cooling, open system	12	
*Geo-cooling, closed system	12	
PV, wind and hydropower	Electrical return: 1	
Solar boiler	Thermal return: 1	
*Residual heat recovery on the site	Thermal return: 1	
Electricity distribution network	Electrical return: 1	
Gas distribution network	Thermal return: 1	
Heat network	Thermal return: 1	

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