

Maintenance work

Q1. Does CDM 2015 apply to all maintenance work?

- A.** The definition of maintenance work has not changed. If the task in hand looks like construction work, requires construction skills and uses construction materials, it is construction work. General maintenance of fixed plant which mainly involves mechanical adjustments, replacing parts or lubrication is unlikely to be construction work.

If the maintenance work is construction work, and there is only one contractor, no PC or PD appointment is required. If more contractors are brought in, then a PC and PD need to be appointed for that particular project.

All construction work under CDM 2015 requires planning, but the plan for smaller jobs should be simple, short and proportionate to the risks.

Further Information

HSE Construction webpages

[The Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2015](#)

HSE legal series guidance

[Managing health and safety in construction: Construction \(Design and Management\) Regulations 2015 \(L153\)](#)