



Sterling Accreditation
setting the standard

Data Sharing Policy

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Introduction

Since the introduction of Energy Assessments, schemes have always advised their members that data they collect under the EPBR is for the purpose of producing Energy Certificates and for no other purpose. The Policy was to not permit Accreditation Schemes or their members to share, sell or otherwise disclose EPBR data in any manner that is not compliant with the requirements of the EPBR laid down by the Secretary of State.

Accreditation Schemes and their members must accept that EPBR data cannot be shared, sold or disclosed unless authorised by DLUHC

However, on June 24th 2024 the regulations associated with the sharing of “assessment data” were updated to allow the keeper of the register, an accreditation scheme or an energy assessor to disclose assessment data; Regulation 29A reads as follows:

Disclosure of assessment data

29A—(1) The keeper of the register, an accreditation scheme or an energy assessor may disclose assessment data—

- (a) in relation to a particular building, to—
 - (i) the owner, landlord or occupier of that building; or
 - (ii) a third party with the consent of a person listed in (i);

(b) in relation to an air-conditioning system to which Part 4 applies, to the relevant person.

(2) In this regulation “assessment data” means any data held that was collected during an energy assessment, whether or not that data has been entered onto a register but does not include—

- (a) green deal information; or
- (b) the name of an individual.

(3) “Energy assessment” has the meaning given in regulation 26.

(4) This regulation does not apply in relation to excluded buildings.”

Scheme Policy

Apart from the data associated with auditing of energy certificates, Sterling Accreditation does not hold or store any “assessment data” and therefore Sterling Accreditation will NOT engage in the sharing of any data under any circumstances.

Assessor Policy

Scheme members may engage in the sharing of “assessment data” on the understanding that any data shared is in accordance with Regulation 29A.

In addition, and prior to sharing any data, assessors will be required to complete a data sharing declaration form: http://www.sterlingaccreditationltd.uk/data_sharing.html