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Changes are coming to the construction and housebuilding industry, driven by the new Labour government's ambitious plans! The government has announced a commitment to building 1.5 million homes in the next five years to tackle the pressing housing shortage head-on.

With the housing crisis a key focus of Labour's manifesto, the UK construction industry is poised to see significant shifts. The new government aims to address the lack of affordable housing, the shortage of skilled workers needed to deliver it, and its plans for achieving net zero emissions

Here at Citation ISO Certification, we know how important it is to stay updated on these developments and what they could mean for your business. In this guide, we'll explore what the government has in store, so that you can feel ready to navigate any upcoming changes with confidence.



What can you expect from the governments housing plan?



Ambitious building targets

Labour's manifesto focuses on housing targets, aiming to kickstart the construction of 1.5 million new homes across England and Wales. This initiative reflects the pressing need for affordable housing and the desire to address the current housing crisis that many families face. By setting such a high target, Labour aims to not only provide homes but also stimulate the economy and create jobs in the construction sector.

The government has also announced the new Planning and Infrastructure Bill, which is specifically designed to give housebuilding a significant boost by simplifying the planning process. This legislation seeks to get Britain building by cutting through bureaucratic hurdles that often delay projects, making the red tape a bit less sticky. By streamlining these processes, the aim is to expedite the building of new homes, making sure that developers can move forward with projects.



Environmental considerations

With Labour now in government, we're seeing a fresh wave of enthusiasm for sustainable and renewable building projects. Labour's environmental policies are strategically designed to promote eco-friendly construction practices. This commitment to sustainability reflects a growing awareness of the need to protect our planet while supporting economic development.

Additionally, there are ongoing discussions about updating pollution rules, which could open up even more opportunities for construction and housebuilding businesses. By easing some of the regulatory burdens, we can encourage innovative building methods that prioritise sustainability.



Government support and incentives

The Labour government is rolling out a range of exciting incentives to help boost development in the construction sector. These incentives are designed to encourage housebuilders to take on new projects, helping to tackle the pressing housing needs many communities are facing. The government aims not just to improve housing options but also to give our economy a lift. More projects mean more tendering opportunities for contractors and construction businesses.

How will these changes impact you?

- ✓ **Increased demand for construction services:** With the ambitious goal of building 1.5 million homes across the country, we're anticipating a significant surge in demand for construction services and skilled labour. This presents a golden opportunity for construction businesses to position themselves strategically in the market. Now's the perfect time to prepare for more project opportunities.
- ✓ **Faster pace:** Getting projects approved might become a more streamlined and accessible process. This shift could significantly reduce the time and effort previously required to navigate approvals. However, it's essential to keep an eye on any new compliance requirements that may emerge alongside these changes. Staying informed and adapting quickly will be key to success.
- ✓ **Shift towards sustainability:** Get ready for a shift towards more sustainable construction practices that prioritise the environment. This is an exciting time for industry players to adopt innovative technologies and methods that not only minimise environmental impact but also improve energy efficiency. Embracing these practices will not only benefit the planet but can also provide a competitive edge when putting yourself forward for tendering opportunities with environmentally conscious clients.





How Citation ISO Certification can help

The Labour government's proposed changes for the construction industry present both challenges and opportunities. At Citation ISO Certification, we're here to help you get ready for these changes and position your business for success, giving you a competitive edge in the market.

Getting to grips with Labour's changes and leveraging ISO certification can help your company not only stay compliant but also thrive. Embracing ISO standards to shape safer, greener, and higher-quality projects can help you build long-term success and sustainability. Here are some the key ISO Standards to help:



Enhancing Health & Safety

ISO 45001 provides a best practice framework for occupational Health & Safety. By adopting ISO 45001, your company can systematically manage and reduce risks, help with compliance and create a safer work environment.



Embracing sustainability

ISO 14001, the environmental management system Standard is your ally in meeting the new sustainability initiatives. With ISO 14001, you can develop an effective environmental policy, identify potential impacts, and set achievable objectives to reduce your carbon footprint and waste.



Elevating quality

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