

Changes to EPC Register Software - POSTPONED.

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The Communities and Local Government (CLG) has postponed the 'go live' date April 26, 2009, for the upgrade of the Register for EPCs. As a result of the high level of feedback they have received, this has now been postponed until Sunday, 10 May 2009.

The CLG commented, "This is a decision we have not taken lightly. In the last few days, some software developers/vendors have indicated that they will not be ready for 'Go-Live' this weekend. As the changes being made are breaking changes we felt we had little option but to delay Register delivery by two weeks."

Software houses that suppliers use will have more time to implement the changes within their packages, to test and to release their revised versions prior to going live.

Despite the postponed date, EPCs will still need to be lodged as legally required for transactions; however, it is important to be aware of this upgrade date, since there could be a potential delay in being able to lodge EPCs onto the Register of EPCs Landmark database after 10 May.

The CLG hopes that this postponement will ensure that there will not be any future problems once the new system goes live. NB Real Estate will continue carrying out site surveys and gathering the necessary data required and should any software problems arise, 'draft EPC Certificates' can be issued, if required.

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