

Section 3 - Building control

Building warrant and completion certificate applications

- 1. The average times for dealing with requests for building warrants and completion certificates:**
 - a) the average time taken to respond to a request for:-**
 - i) a building warrant**
 - ii) a completion certificate**
 - b) the average time taken to issue:-**
 - i) a building warrant**
 - ii) a completion certificate**
 - c) the number of building warrants and the number of completion certificates issued in the reporting year.**

What the indicator reports

This indicator shows the speed with which councils respond to and issue building warrants and completion certificates. All periods are measured in working days.

Points to bear in mind

The extent to which councils prepare guidance to applicants on any deficiencies with an application for a warrant following its submission may influence the time taken to respond to an application.

Building regulations prescribe that councils should issue a completion certificate or advise the applicant of the reason for not doing so within 10 working days of receiving the application for a certificate.

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Auditors appointed by the Accounts Commission have reviewed councils' arrangements for producing the performance information. In the table below, an 'x' is shown against an indicator where the auditor expressed doubts about the reliability of the authority's arrangements for producing the information.

Indicator Number	1		
Council	Building warrant and completion certificate applications		
	99/00	00/01	01/02
Aberdeen City			
Aberdeenshire			
Angus			
Argyll & Bute			
Clackmannanshire			
Dumfries & Galloway			
Dundee City			
East Ayrshire			
East Dunbartonshire			
East Lothian			
East Renfrewshire			
Edinburgh, City of			
Eilean Siar			
Falkirk			
Fife			
Glasgow City			
Highland			
Inverclyde		X	
Midlothian			
Moray			
North Ayrshire			
North Lanarkshire			
Orkney Islands	X	X	X
Perth & Kinross	X		
Renfrewshire			
Scottish Borders			
Shetland Islands			
South Ayrshire			
South Lanarkshire			
Stirling			
West Dunbartonshire			
West Lothian			

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	Average time taken to respond to a request for a building warrant			Average time taken to respond to a request for a completion certificate		
	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Aberdeen City	16 days	15 days	16 days	7 days	6 days	9 days
Aberdeenshire	12 days	12 days	12 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
Angus	6 days	9 days	8 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Argyll & Bute	10 days	10 days	8 days	4 days	3 days	2 days
Clackmannanshire	14 days	11 days	16 days	5 days	4 days	4 days
Dumfries & Galloway	24 days	20 days	16 days	6 days	6 days	5 days
Dundee City	8 days	9 days	9 days	3 days	2 days	2 days
East Ayrshire	8 days	16 days	12 days	2 days	4 days	3 days
East Dunbartonshire	20 days	18 days	15 days	3 days	4 days	4 days
East Lothian	20 days	20 days	16 days	13 days	9 days	3 days
East Renfrewshire	17 days	16 days	10 days	3 days	4 days	3 days
Edinburgh, City of	13 days	22 days	12 days	1 day	5 days	2 days
Eilean Siar	16 days	18 days	14 days	9 days	10 days	9 days
Falkirk	19 days	33 days	44 days	4 days	4 days	5 days
Fife	12 days	14 days	11 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
Glasgow City	9 days	10 days	8 days	3 days	3 days	2 days
Highland	13 days	14 days	13 days	5 days	5 days	6 days
Inverclyde	13 days	13 days	18 days	4 days	6 days	5 days
Midlothian	18 days	19 days	24 days	3 days	3 days	5 days
Moray	14 days	7 days	6 days	7 days	5 days	4 days
North Ayrshire	13 days	17 days	13 days	5 days	7 days	6 days
North Lanarkshire	12 days	12 days	11 days	2 days	3 days	2 days
Orkney Islands	35 days	25 days	25 days	7 days	7 days	7 days
Perth & Kinross	16 days	18 days	18 days	9 days	9 days	8 days
Renfrewshire	11 days	12 days	10 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Scottish Borders	26 days	22 days	14 days	4 days	4 days	3 days
Shetland Islands	4 days	12 days	14 days	6 days	4 days	5 days
South Ayrshire	15 days	12 days	13 days	5 days	4 days	5 days
South Lanarkshire	12 days	7 days	8 days	4 days	2 days	2 days
Stirling	14 days	16 days	13 days	5 days	6 days	5 days
West Dunbartonshire	18 days	20 days	19 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
West Lothian	11 days	12 days	9 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
Scotland	14 days	15 days	13 days	4 days	4 days	3 days

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	Average time taken to issue a building warrant			Average time taken to issue a completion certificate		
	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Aberdeen City	10 days	9 days	9 days	4 days	4 days	3 days
Aberdeenshire	5 days	5 days	5 days	3 days	2 days	4 days
Angus	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Argyll & Bute	5 days	5 days	4 days	2 days	1 day	2 days
Clackmannanshire	4 days	3 days	3 days	7 days	4 days	3 days
Dumfries & Galloway	8 days	7 days	6 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Dundee City	4 days	6 days	5 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
East Ayrshire	3 days	6 days	3 days	2 days	3 days	3 days
East Dunbartonshire	8 days	8 days	6 days	2 days	3 days	2 days
East Lothian	9 days	9 days	8 days	2 days	2 days	3 days
East Renfrewshire	9 days	10 days	4 days	3 days	10 days	3 days
Edinburgh, City of	6 days	9 days	6 days	3 days	8 days	3 days
Eilean Siar	9 days	10 days	7 days	1 day	2 days	1 day
Falkirk	3 days	3 days	4 days	3 days	3 days	3 days
Fife	4 days	4 days	5 days	3 days	2 days	3 days
Glasgow City	5 days	5 days	4 days	3 days	4 days	4 days
Highland	7 days	7 days	6 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Inverclyde	8 days	7 days	10 days	4 days	4 days	3 days
Midlothian	5 days	4 days	5 days	4 days	3 days	2 days
Moray	8 days	7 days	5 days	1 day	1 day	1 day
North Ayrshire	3 days	8 days	3 days	3 days	4 days	2 days
North Lanarkshire	5 days	5 days	5 days	4 days	4 days	3 days
Orkney Islands	3 days	3 days	3 days	5 days	5 days	5 days
Perth & Kinross	14 days	12 days	13 days	6 days	5 days	4 days
Renfrewshire	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Scottish Borders	9 days	8 days	6 days	2 days	2 days	2 days
Shetland Islands	10 days	9 days	9 days	3 days	2 days	2 days
South Ayrshire	3 days	4 days	5 days	4 days	2 days	3 days
South Lanarkshire	6 days	2 days	2 days	3 days	2 days	2 days
Stirling	3 days	3 days	3 days	5 days	3 days	3 days
West Dunbartonshire	6 days	8 days	9 days	4 days	4 days	3 days
West Lothian	5 days	5 days	4 days	4 days	3 days	3 days
Scotland	6 days	6 days	5 days	3 days	3 days	3 days

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Building Control	Indicator 1					
	Number of building warrants issued			Number of completion certificates issued		
	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002
Aberdeen City	2,250	2,187	2,281	2,080	2,146	1,967
Aberdeenshire	3,461	3,142	3,325	3,051	2,610	2,897
Angus	1,462	1,280	1,513	1,236	1,090	1,220
Argyll & Bute	1,490	1,511	1,724	918	1,001	922
Clackmannanshire	676	608	552	349	426	426
Dumfries & Galloway	2,143	2,227	2,160	1,327	1,348	1,400
Dundee City	1,293	1,130	1,204	1,242	1,211	1,671
East Ayrshire	937	817	997	1,403	1,256	1,094
East Dunbartonshire	946	987	1,192	637	640	823
East Lothian	779	945	1,143	910	1,020	843
East Renfrewshire	956	878	1,034	881	791	870
Edinburgh, City of	5,810	4,793	7,468	5,783	5,224	6,953
Eilean Siar	606	732	622	359	480	463
Falkirk	1,204	1,193	1,182	887	681	471
Fife	3,860	3,694	4,170	3,743	3,359	3,349
Glasgow City	3,813	3,695	3,880	5,237	5,586	6,028
Highland	3,526	3,390	3,503	2,460	2,459	2,420
Inverclyde	556	516	493	532	651	688
Midlothian	835	875	908	730	661	599
Moray	1,610	1,268	1,208	1,143	889	985
North Ayrshire	1,183	1,370	1,368	1,037	1,208	1,154
North Lanarkshire	2,379	2,281	2,401	1,871	1,845	2,464
Orkney Islands	320	335	287	234	174	294
Perth & Kinross	2,109	2,303	2,375	1,338	1,568	1,663
Renfrewshire	1,169	1,166	1,282	1,449	1,513	1,627
Scottish Borders	1,791	1,819	1,909	1,371	1,461	1,481
Shetland Islands	375	451	407	190	207	249
South Ayrshire	1,384	1,318	1,376	1,121	1,008	1,116
South Lanarkshire	2,662	2,464	2,401	2,385	2,588	2,122
Stirling	785	1,175	961	857	1,106	971
West Dunbartonshire	449	541	593	298	503	531
West Lothian	1,554	1,603	1,777	2,485	2,605	2,530
Scotland	54,373	52,694	57,409	49,544	49,315	51,997