



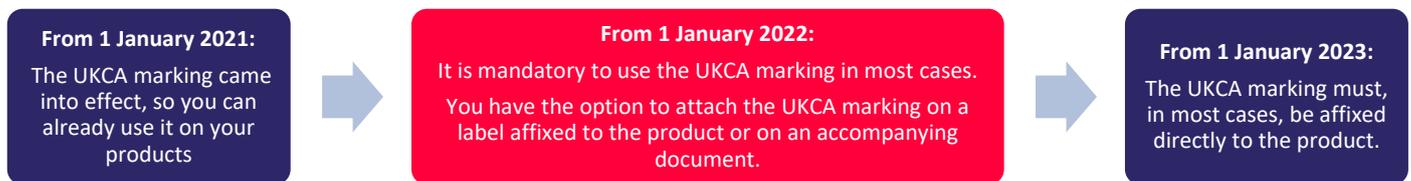
# USING THE UKCA MARKING

## WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW

The UK has left the EU. As a result, there are changes to how businesses place manufactured goods on the market.

The UKCA (UK Conformity Assessed) marking regime is a new product marking that is used for goods being placed on the market in Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland). It covers most goods which previously required the CE marking and, like the CE mark, demonstrates that all the requirements of the legislation have been met.

**You must be ready to use the UKCA marking from 1 January 2022 for most goods\***, although you should look to use the UKCA marking as soon as possible.



**From 1 January 2021:**

The UKCA marking came into effect, so you can already use it on your products

**From 1 January 2022:**

It is mandatory to use the UKCA marking in most cases. You have the option to attach the UKCA marking on a label affixed to the product or on an accompanying document.

**From 1 January 2023:**

The UKCA marking must, in most cases, be affixed directly to the product.

## WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO DO

Ensure your business has taken the necessary steps:

- **Step 1: Check whether your product needs the UKCA marking by visiting [here](#).** If your product was previously CE marked or used the reverse epsilon marking you will now need to use the UKCA marking.
- **Step 2: Check the appropriate route for conformity assessment.**
  - Check the [guidance](#) to work out whether you need to self-declare or use third party conformity assessment. If you previously used the CE mark you should follow the same rules to choose your method of conformity assessment.
- **Step 3: For third party conformity assessment only - Identify an appropriate notified body.**
  - You can identify UK Approved Bodies using the UK market conformity assessment bodies [\(UKMCAB\) database](#).
- **Step 4: Draft the technical documentation and Declaration of Conformity.**
  - **The UK Declaration of Conformity attests that the manufacturer or authorised representatives have ensured the safety of the product.**
  - The contents of the UK Declaration of Conformity vary [depending on the product](#).
- **Step 5: Affix the UKCA marking and prepare to place your goods on the market**
  - As the manufacturer, you must place the UKCA marking on the product itself or where the rules allow it, on the packaging or on accompanying documentation. You may appoint an authorised representative to do this for you.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Are there areas where other rules to UKCA marking apply?**

- It is mandatory to use the UKCA marking in [most cases](#) from 1 January 2022, with the following exceptions; [medical devices](#), [rail interoperability](#), [construction products](#) and [civil explosives, products requiring eco-design and energy labelling](#).

**What is the status of existing CE stock that has not been placed on the market before 2022 in Great Britain?**

- If existing stock is first placed on the market after 1 January 2022, it will require the UKCA marking.

**Can you define 'Placing a good on the market'?**

- An product is placed on the market when there is an offer or an agreement, verbal or written for the transfer of the ownership, possession or any other kind of right, excluding intellectual property rights, concerning the product. It applies to each individual good. See [Placing goods on GB market](#).

\*For a small number of products, EU conformity assessment marking will continue to be recognised in the UK for long a longer period of time: medical devices (2.5 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021); rail products (2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021); transportable pressure equipment (2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021); construction products (end date not in legislation yet); and marine equipment (2 years from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021).