



Certificated Surveyors in Timber and Dampness in Buildings (CSTDB)

Recommended Reading List

The following list of documents will be useful to those studying the Certificated Surveyor in Timber and Dampness in Buildings (CSTDB) syllabus. New documents are continually being issued by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and other government departments and associations, so this list is a guide and may not be comprehensive.

Suggested Technical Documents:

- British Standards: BS 6576:2005 - Code of practice for diagnosis of rising damp in walls of buildings and installation of chemical damp-proof courses - (BSI) www.bsi-global.com
- Building Research Establishment (BRE) BRE453 - Recognising wood rot and insect damage in buildings (3rd edition) (A F Bravery, R W Berry, J K Carey and D E Cooper)
- BRE Digest 443/1 - Termites and UK buildings: Biology, detection and diagnosis
- BRE245 (2007) - Rising Damp in Walls – Diagnosis & Treatment.
- BRE307 - Identifying Damage by Wood Boring Insects
- BRE299 - Dry Rot: Its Recognition and Control
- BRE345 – Wet rots: Recognition and Control
- BRE466 -Understanding dampness - effects, causes, diagnosis and remedies
Building Research Establishment (BRE) www.bre.co.uk / www.brebookshop.com

Other Codes of Practice and Standards

- HSE - Managing Health and Safety in Construction: Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 - Health and Safety Executive (HSE) <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Property Care Association – Technical Documents - (PCA) www.property-care.org

- The use of Moisture Metres to establish the Presence of Rising Damp
- Recognition and Causes of Condensation
- Chemical Damp Proof course insertion – the Attendant problems
- Guidelines to Survey Report Writing
- Hygroscopic salts and Rising Dampness
- Fungal Decay in Buildings
- Wood Destroying Insects in Buildings
- PCA Code of Practice for the Investigation and Control of Wood Destroying Insects and Fungi in Buildings (2016)
- PCA Code of Practice for the Investigation and Control of Dampness in Buildings (2017)
- PCA Code of Practice for the Investigation and Provision of Ventilation in Existing Dwellings (2017)

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