

# The Definitive Source

## Benefits at a glance

**01** Full text copies of British Standards and other national standards referenced in Building Regulations to ensure compliance

**02** Dedicated professional editorial team

**03** Updated weekly providing authoritative information fast

**04** Links between NBS Specification products and The Construction Information Service ensures that nothing is missed from your specifications

**05** Direct access to online services of *Architects Journal*, *New Civil Engineer*, *Construction News*

**06** Comprehensive coverage of healthcare building and construction information, including NHS Model Engineering Specification – an invaluable source for healthcare estates management

**07** Subject guides, briefings, news, reviews, technical information and guidance publications for English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish regulations

**08** Integrated access to Specify-it, a collection of construction catalogues, equipment information and CAD drawings

**09** Fast access to critical information delivered by a powerful and intuitive search tool

**10** Tools to individualise the product: set preferences, save key searches and storing documents by projects

**11** Integrated simple search for fast location of information from other IHS products

**12** Help at every step of the way, with comprehensive user assistance through IHS Helpline Support

**13** Training tailored to meet your company's needs

# The Construction Information Service

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Information & expertise  
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## Supplements

Core	Building Supplement	Planning & Development Supplement	Construction Management Supplement	Civil & Structural Supplement	Mechanical & Electrical Supplement
<p>The Construction Information Service Core includes all current key documents cited in the UK Building Regulations Approved Documents, Technical Standards and Technical Booklets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents critical to the design, detailing and construction of popular building types and civil engineering</li> <li>Basic construction management, regulatory and contract documents</li> <li>Health and safety, legal, design guidance and good practice information</li> <li>The management of healthcare premises publications</li> <li>Sustainability documents</li> </ul>	<p>Focused on the particular information needs of building control, architects and architectural technologists, builders and contractors, volume house builders, landscape architects, building maintenance managers and local authority technical departments, the supplement includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documents that assist complex building and landscape design</li> <li>Non statutory guidance documents complementing those in the Core covering statutory aspects of design e.g. fire</li> <li>Building and energy conservation</li> <li>Building interior design</li> </ul>	<p>The supplement provides guidance publications on planning regulations for architects and planning professionals, including all relevant legislation covering town &amp; country planning, development, conservation and the environment and legislation including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spatial planning</li> <li>Planning and development control</li> <li>Policy</li> <li>Environmental planning and sustainability</li> <li>Infrastructure and construction development</li> <li>Regeneration</li> </ul>	<p>Produced in association with the CIOB to aid construction professionals for all types of construction projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction procurement</li> <li>Design management</li> <li>Managing construction quality</li> <li>Operational maintenance</li> <li>Contractual claims and disputes</li> <li>Project management</li> <li>Cost and value management</li> </ul>	<p>Providing detailed coverage of complex structural design, repair and maintenance for civil and structural engineers, contractors and design team members responsible for design and detailing, the supplement also covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced highway and bridge design and construction</li> <li>Complex groundwork</li> <li>Marine, coastal, river and flood engineering</li> <li>Advanced and innovative structural design and detailing</li> </ul>	<p>Produced specifically for mechanical and electrical engineers, building services engineers, maintenance managers and technical staff from local authorities, providing detailed publications on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building electrical services</li> <li>Heating, ventilation and air conditioning</li> <li>Energy production and distribution</li> <li>Building mechanical services</li> <li>Environmental impact</li> </ul>

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The Construction Information Service is an expert knowledge tool that delivers key technical information critical to all construction projects in one easy to use online package.

Developed by IHS and NBS it provides instant full-text access to current regulations, standards, technical advice and a vast array of related news and briefings. The comprehensive range of full-text documents cover all aspects of the building, engineering, design and construction processes allowing multi-disciplined organisations to complete projects accurately and on time.

In today's climate it is economically important companies are aware of new technological advances, all which can be the culmination of costly research. By working with a number of key partners we now support them in the development of research projects and publications - a benefit to the construction industry. Our partners include:

- AJ
- BRE
- BSRIA
- CIOB
- CIRIA
- IStructE
- LABC
- SCI
- The Concrete Society
- TRL

In addition we provide access to a selection of their online resources:

- SCI (The Steel Construction Institute) - Access to Steelbiz, Access Steel & e5950
- The Concrete Society - Advisory Service, Fingertips and Reference section
- EMAP Construct - Access to AJ, NCE & Construction News
- LABC - Access to LABC Type Approval

# The Construction Information Service

## Architecture

Architects/ Architectural Technicians/  
Landscape Architects/ Urban Designers

Whether you are a sole practitioner or part of a large team The Construction Information Service provides you with essential documents for designing all types of projects from popular structures and renovations to cutting edge carbon neutral buildings. Unique links between The Construction Information Service documents and NBS Specification, helping you to deliver fast, accurate and authoritative specifications.

### Key Subjects

- Building Regulations
- Construction standards
- Eurocodes
- Contract law and management
- Planning law
- Design guidance
- Accessibility
- Materials
- Brownfield sites & green roofs
- Biomass & energy saving

### Industry Partners

- BRE
- BSRIA
- Emap Construct (AJ+, NCE and CN)
- CIRIA
- The Concrete Society

### Key Publishers

- Butterworth-Heinemann
- Centre for Accessible Environments
- CABE
- BSI
- Architectural Press
- JCT
- RIBA publications
- TRADA

## Building Control

Building Control Officers/ Inspectors/ Surveyors/  
Managers

Providing expert advice on and ensuring compliance with the Building Regulations requires an extensive knowledge of all aspects of the construction process. The Construction Information Service has the Building Regulations in full with extensive supporting guidance material and information including: planning, building techniques, material performance, regeneration and inspection. It includes NBS Building Regulations providing PDF and searchable versions of UK regulations, as well as breaking news, reviews, technical information and guidance. It also includes full access to publications from IHS BRE Press. The service provides direct access to LABC Type approval.

### Key Subjects

- Building Regulations
- Appeals & determination letters
- CDM regulations
- Accessibility
- Planning
- Health & safety and security
- Building techniques
- Demolition
- Site investigations
- Material performance
- Sustainability

### Industry Partners

- BRE
- BSRIA
- CIRIA
- LABC
- SCI
- The Concrete Society

### Key Publishers

- NHBC
- Highways Agency
- UK Legislation
- Butterworth-Heinemann
- BSI
- BBA
- CIBSE

## Civil & Structural Engineering

Civil Engineers/ Asset Engineers/ Development  
Control Engineers/ Project Engineers/ Structural  
Engineers/ Building Services Engineers/  
Infrastructure Engineers/ Transport & Traffic  
Engineers/ Geotechnical Engineers/ Steelwork  
Engineers

Whatever your project; bridges, roads, maritime developments or even the world's tallest building, The Construction Information Service provides critical standards, regulation and guidance information to help ensure successful design and construction.

### Key Subjects

- Vibration, loading & stress
- Material performance i.e. concrete, steel & timber
- Geotechnical engineering
- Cost & project management
- Risk assessment & management
- Project & tender management
- Sustainability
- Highways
- Construction methods

### Industry Partners

- CIRIA
- BRE
- TRL
- SCI
- IStructE
- The Concrete Society

### Key Publishers

- BSI
- Highways Agency
- DfT
- ACE
- Water Research Centre
- TRADA
- CIBSE

## Mechanical & Electrical Engineers

Mechanical Engineers/ Electrical Engineer/  
Manufacturing Systems Engineers/ Control &  
Instrumentation Engineers/ Technical Engineers/  
Maintenance Engineers

Designing and installing efficient engineering services that comply with the current standards and regulations is essential to every construction project. Whether it is for commercial, residential or public sector projects The Construction Information Service has all the vital data for a successful delivery. For offices using the NBS, automatic links from specifications to the full text of essential documents ensure fast, accurate and authoritative specifications – unique to The Construction Information Service.

### Key Subjects

- Energy use & conservation
- Health & safety
- Compliance & testing
- Heating, ventilation & air conditioning
- Waste disposal and drainage
- Building management systems
- Fire precautions
- Gas installation
- Public health engineering

### Industry Partners

- BRE
- BSRIA
- CIRIA

### Key Publishers

- HSE
- BRECSU - Building Research Energy Conservation Support Unit
- BSI
- CIBSE

## Surveying

Building Surveyors/ Conservation Surveyors/  
Party Wall Surveyors/ Environmental Engineering  
Surveyors

Covering new construction, alterations, repair and conservation and restoration, The Construction Information Service has the latest standards and guidance to help deliver successful projects. For offices using NBS Specification there are automatic links from specifications to the full text of essential documents in The Construction Information Service. This is unique and ensures fast, accurate and authoritative specifications.

### Key Subjects

- Maintenance & repair
- Accessibility
- Party wall
- Project management
- Brownfield sites
- Risk assessment
- Planning
- Asbestos
- Schedules of condition & dilapidation
- Sustainability
- Property maintenance management

### Industry Partners

- CIRIA
- BSRIA
- BRE
- IStructE

### Key Publishers

- HSE
- Butterworth-Heinemann
- HAPM
- BSI

## Building Contracting

Building Contractors/ Assemblers/  
Sub-Contractors/ Contract Managers

Latest regulations, standards and guidance documents, together with news and information on trends and government direction, will make sure that contracting professionals are kept up to date and have fast access to vital information required for planning, construction and maintenance of buildings, no matter what their size or complexity.

### Key Subjects

- Tendering
- Planning
- Contracts
- Design & build
- Site safety
- Project management
- Quantity surveying
- Contract law
- Procurement

### Industry Partners

- BRE
- CIRIA
- CIOB
- IStructE
- SCI
- The Concrete Society

### Key Publishers

- Architectural Press
- BSI
- HSE
- NHBC
- JCT