The Construction Information Service

Supporting every stage in the construction lifecycle
CIS - A vital tool for the successful delivery of every construction related project

The Construction Information Service is an expert knowledge tool that delivers key technical information critical to the construction market.

Developed by IHS and NBS, The Construction Information Service provides instant full-text access to current regulations, standards, technical advice and a vast array of related news and briefings, available in a choice of packaged information to suit individual needs.

Fully searchable, intelligently classified and constantly updated, it's an indispensable source of key information for the construction professional.

Benefits at a glance

01 Supports every stage in the construction lifecycle – from concept and feasibility, through design and construction, to operation and ongoing use

02 Information for professionals working in architecture, planning and development, surveying, engineering, landscape, building control, building specification, construction management, building and civil engineering

03 Full-text copies of British Standards and other documents referenced in Building Regulations to ensure compliance

04 Dedicated professional editorial team providing you with access to over 26,000 documents from over 500 publishers

05 Updated weekly, providing authoritative information fast

06 Fast access to critical information delivered by a powerful and intuitive search engine

07 Tools to individualise the product - set preferences, save key searches and store documents

08 Integrated links between NBS Specification products and The Construction Information Service, ensuring that nothing is missed from your specifications

09 Direct access to the online Architects Journal

10 Comprehensive coverage of healthcare building and construction information – an invaluable source for healthcare estates management

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

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

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<td>Core</td>
<td>This part of the service has been developed to cover the wide-ranging needs of most construction industry professionals</td>
<td>Where possible The Construction Information Service Core includes key documents cited in the UK Building Regulations Approved Documents, and key technical standards and booklets</td>
<td>Building Regulations, Eurocodes, National Annexes and select NCCI material, BRE, HTM and HBN's British Standards. Specimen contract documents</td>
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<td>Design and Building Supplement</td>
<td>Focused on the particular information needs of building control, architects and architectural technologists, builders and contractors, landscape architects, building maintenance managers and local authority technical departments</td>
<td>Includes documents that assist complex building and landscape design, non-statutory guidance documents, complementing those in the Core covering statutory aspects of design, e.g., fire, building and energy conservation, critical publications and information from industry partners and building interior design</td>
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<td>Sustainability, Environment, Development and Planning Supplement</td>
<td>Local authority planners, masterplanners, sustainability engineers, environmental assessors and landscapers</td>
<td>Provides critical publications and information from industry partners, including guidance, legislation, circulars, advice notes and statistics for those involved in sustainable development and management, environmental planning, climate change, town and country planning, developing sustainable communities, biodiversity and conservation</td>
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<td>Construction Management Supplement</td>
<td>Provides information to all construction professionals including civil &amp; structural engineering, architects, mechanical &amp; electrical engineers, surveying and building contracting</td>
<td>Topic areas include: construction procurement, design management, managing construction quality, operational maintenance, contractual claims and disputes, project management, cost and value management, and critical publications and information from industry partners not available in any other online service</td>
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<td>Civil and Structural Supplement</td>
<td>Civil engineers, structural engineers, designers and contractors</td>
<td>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</td>
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<td>Mechanical and Electrical Supplement</td>
<td>Produced specifically for mechanical and electrical engineers, building services engineers, maintenance managers and technical staff from local authorities</td>
<td>This covers building electrical services, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, energy production and distribution, building mechanical services, environmental impact, critical publications and information from industry partners</td>
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<td>British Standards Extra</td>
<td>Covers the breadth of construction disciplines</td>
<td>Provides standards that may not be critical for the majority of subscribers, but that it would be highly desirable to see in order to eliminate their detailed implementation in design and construction operations</td>
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British Standards Institution
Building Research Establishment
Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann
Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers
RIBA Publications Ltd
Construction Industry Research and Information Association
Architectural Press
Steel Construction Institute
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TRADA Technology Ltd
Highways Agency
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Institution of Structural Engineers
Health & Safety Executive
Joint Contracts Tribunal
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British Constructional Steelwork Association Ltd
Construction Industry Publications Ltd
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