



Certificated Surveyors in Remedial Treatment (CSRT)

Recommended Reading List

The following list of documents will be useful to those studying the certificated Surveyors in Remedial Treatment exam (CSRT) 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
- 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

Other Codes of Practice and Standards

- HSE - Managing Health and Safety in Construction: Approved Code of Practice: CDM 2007
- HSE - In-situ Timber Treatment Using Timber Preservatives: Health, Safety and Environmental Precautions

Additional Documents

Property Care Association – Technical Documents

The following documents are given as hand-outs at the Surveyors Training Course.

(PCA members can access the documents through the members' section of the PCA website.)

- PCA Leaflets on dampness:
 - DP1 - The use of Moisture Metres
 - DP2 - Plastering in association with the institution of a Remedial Damp Proof Course
 - DP3 - Recognition and Causes of Condensation
 - DP5 - Chemical Damp Proof course insertion – the Attendant problems
 - DP6 - Safety in Damp Proof

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- DP7 - Chemical Damp Proof courses in walls
- DP8 - Damp Proofing Barriers Tanking - in Association with Chemical Damp Proofing Courses
- DP9 - Guidelines to Survey Report writing
- DP10 – Hygroscopic salts and Rising Damp

- PCA Leaflets on Timber Remedial Treatments:
 - T1 - Fungal Decay in Buildings
 - T5 - Preservative Treatment against Wood Borers

- PCA Code of practice for the investigation and control of wood destroying insects and fungi in buildings (2016)
- PCA Code of Practice for the Installation of Chemical Damp Proof Courses (2008)

Useful websites:

- Property Care Association (PCA) www.property-care.org
- Building Research Establishment (BRE) www.bre.co.uk / www.brebookshop.com
- British Standards Institute (BSI) www.bsi-global.com
- Health and Safety Executive (HSE) <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

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