



## **ABBE/PCA Level 3 Certificated Surveyor of Dampness in Buildings (CSDB)**

### Qualification Specification

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# 1. ABBE - The Awarding Body for the Built Environment

## 1.1 Introduction

ABBE, the Awarding Body for the Built Environment is a forward thinking organisation that offers a range of apprenticeships, qualifications, benefits and support.

ABBE is regulated by Ofqual for the delivery of a range of qualifications. Our qualifications are nationally recognised helping learners to achieve their full potential and ambitions.

The full range of qualifications can be found on our website.

## 1.2 Mission Statement

**Our Values - Quality through Standards:** Our aim is to provide a high quality experience by building a strong community of mutual support and trust. We can use our collective talents to build meaningful partnerships to help us all to achieve our goals. ABBE is a recognised Awarding Organisation with strong professional integrity.

**Our Vision:** Is that every learner is confident, successful and has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

**Our Mission:** ABBE Educates, inspires and empowers learners

## 1.3 Qualification Specification

This is the ABBE Qualification Specification for the ABBE Level 1 Award in Health and Safety in a Construction Environment. The aim of this specification is to provide learners and centres with information about the content of this qualification.

This specification is a live document and, as such, will be updated when required. Additional qualification details are available for ABBE approved centres in the ABBE qualification handbook.

## 1.4 Enquiries

Any enquiries relating to this qualification should be addressed to:

Awarding Body for the Built Environment (ABBE)  
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Website: [www.abbega.co.uk](http://www.abbega.co.uk)



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## 2. Property Care Association (PCA)

### 2.1 Introduction to PCA

The Property Care Association is the Trade Association representing members, promoting best practice and providing technical Guidance in a number of industry sectors, For example:

- Damp and Condensation in buildings
- Structural waterproofing
- Timber preservation
- Structural repair
- Flood recovery
- Flood protection/resilience
- Invasive weed control

The Property Care Association has been working with specialists contractors to improve and develop standards for over 85 years. It has progressed a long way from its origin as the British Wood Preserving Association. It remain true to its values and desire to work with specialists to promote high standards of professionalism and expertise within the industry to ensure consumers are delivered value and quality.

### 2.2 Enquiries

Any enquiries relating to this training course should be addressed to:

The Property Care Association  
11 Ramsay Court, Kingfisher Way  
Hinchingsbrooke Business Park  
Huntingdon  
PE29 6FY

Tel: 0844 375 4301

Email: [jade@property-care.org](mailto:jade@property-care.org)

Website: [www.property-care.org](http://www.property-care.org)



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## 3. Qualification Information

### 3.1 Who is this training course for?

This qualification is aimed at professionals working in the industry who specialise in understanding and diagnosing damp in all its forms, but who do not specialise in timber infestation to a similar degree. If you also specialise in Timber you may be interested in our Certificated Surveyor of Timber & Dampness in Buildings qualification.

Ideally, learners should have a building/trade background as well as some related skill, knowledge or experience. The course provides learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify, resolve and report upon problems relating to dampness in buildings.

**Important note:** attending this training alone does not entitle an attendee to say/imply they have attained the CSTDB qualification, which can only be achieved by successfully completing the the CSDB examination.

### 3.2 How is the training structured?

The course is divided into two, half day modules. You may either attend each module separately or the complete course in one day.

#### **Module 1: Legal, Health and Safety Aspects for the Investigation and Control of Timber and Dampness in Buildings**

- Legal requirements
- Assessments
- Product safety
- Safe methods of use

#### **Module 2: The Identification and Control of Dampness**

- Building construction
- Diagnosis of Dampness
- Surveying and reporting
- Methods of control, Product Safety and Safe Use
- Rising Damp
- Ancillary Procedures and Alternative Methods of Control

### 3.3 Qualification Units

To achieve this qualification, learners must successfully complete all of the following Modules.

<b>Module Ref:</b>	<b>Module Name</b>	<b>Assessment Method</b>
CSDB1	Legal, Health and Safety Aspects for the Investigation and Control of Timber and Dampness in Buildings	Written Examination
CSDB2	The Identification and Control of Dampness	Written Exam
CSDB 2	The Identification and Control of Dampness	Interview



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### **3.4 Examination Preparation – CSDB**

The examination preparation course is particularly useful for those who have not recently sat an exam. In general, the pass rate is higher amongst candidates who have attended an examination preparation course.

The course is run over one day. You may either attend each module separately or the complete examination preparation in one day.

To be as effective as possible these courses are scheduled to run after the relevant surveyors training course and before the CSDB examinations.

During this course, learners will have the opportunity to:

- Practice how to approach an exam question
- Work through an example exam paper
- Ask questions about any areas they may still be unsure about

### **3.5 Further Information**

All course bookings are through the Property Care Association. For further information please contact Jade on telephone: 0844 375 4301 or e-mail [jade@property-care.org](mailto:jade@property-care.org).

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