



ABBE/PCA Level 3 Certificated Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing (CSSW)

Qualification Specification

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Why this document is being revised

This document has been revised by ABBE in May 2019. A summary of the changes made to this document is, as follows:

- New address added to 1.4

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1. ABBE

1.1 Introduction

ABBE, the Awarding Body for Building Education 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:

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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

Website: www.property-care.org



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3. Qualification Information

3.1 Who is this training course for?

The Certificated Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing (CSSW) is a nationally recognised professional qualification for individuals involved in diagnosing problems with water entering structures below ground level and who recommend design solutions.

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 for diagnosing problems relating to structural waterproofing.

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

3.2 How is the training structured?

The course is delivered over three days. You may either attend each module separately or complete the course in three consecutive days.

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 4: Below Ground Waterproofing

- Building construction
- Diagnosis of the Origin of Water Ingress
- Basic Principles of Structural Waterproofing
- Product Safety and Safe Use
- Surveying and reporting
- Materials and Methods

In addition to the above modules it is recommended that learners complete the PCA Legal Aspects, Survey Methodology and Report Writing (Waterproofing) training. This covers topics that will be examined in the Legal, Health and Safety element of the CSSW examination.



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3.3 Qualification Units

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

Module Ref:	Module Name	Assessment Method
CSSW1	Legal, Health and Safety Aspects for the Investigation and Control of Timber and Dampness in Buildings	Written Examination
CSSW 2	Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing	Written Examination
CSSW 3	Surveyor in Structural Waterproofing	Interview

3.4 Examination Preparation – CSSW

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 CSSW examinations. During this course, learners will have the opportunity to:

- Practice how to approach an exam question
- Run through the logistics of the exam day
- 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.

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