

BEST PRACTICE GUIDES

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**PRIDE IN
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AWARDS**

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Our series of Best Practice Guides will take you through what the Pride in the Job judges look for at each stage of construction and when considering the site manager's overall organisation and management skills.

The Pride in the Job marking sheet used by our judges has 44 marking lines split across 9 sections. The judges will give a score for each line - where there is no work to mark, that line will be left blank and no mark given. A mark of 4 indicates compliance with NHBC Standards and with Building Regulations. A mark of 5 indicates extra attention to detail over and above compliance standards. A mark of 6 would indicate that much of what the judges have seen cannot be improved upon. A mark less than 4 would indicate varying issues relating to workmanship and non-compliance with NHBC's Standards - the greater the issue or number of the same issue, the lower the mark. The final score will be all the marks awarded expressed as a percentage.

These Guides set out what the judges are looking for with clear hints and tips on the sort of practice that will lead to higher marks.

Clearly it is impossible in these short guides to cover every single point of construction - we try here to cover the main issues that are taken into account when considering a mark for each score line.

When looking at the photographs, consider each on in the context of the score line heading - don't be distracted by something else that isn't as good - that will be marked accordingly elsewhere.

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Ensuring the foundations to a new home are sturdy enough to transmit the loading safely to the ground is essential to the long term durability of the home. This section examines the three main aspects of this work.

- 1.1 GROUND PREPARATION
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- 1.3 REINFORCEMENT & CONCRETE PLACEMENT

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GOOD LUCK!

We hope you have found this best practice guide useful in gaining a better understanding of what the judges are looking for at each stage of construction.

Remember, the six characteristics the judges are looking for in a site manager are:

- Consistency
- Attention to detail
- Technical expertise
- Leadership
- Interpretation
- Health and Safety

We wish you all the very best in the Pride in the Job competition as you strive either for your very first win or to repeat or improve on your performance in previous years.