

Dave Fairbrother's Technical Forum



Tech Forum

The 2015 edition of the building schedule has a number of additional items in addition to the ones notified in the November 2014 newsletter. Section N11 has a number of additional items associated with the fitting of kitchen units which were not specifically identified in the rates e.g. cornices and lighting pelmets. We have also added a number of other items such as whiterock cladding and external sand/cement/lime render and a new section for repairs to flashings.

In the electrical schedule section Y7320 has been re-written to include T5, T8 and T12 tubes. Y7382 now contains 12 volt transformers for lighting, a more extensive range of dimmer switches including LEDs have been added to section Y7404.

All you are all aware there have been some changes to the CDM regulations which has prompted a couple of queries with how the changes would be accommodated. Compliance with Health & Safety/CDM regulations has always been an item for inclusion in the % adjustment to the rates (See clause 3.5.3). We will be altering the text of the guidance notes this year to reflect the changes in the legislation but again they will stipulate that costs associated with complying with CDM are included in the % adjustment to the rates.

These updates form part of our continuing endeavours to make the schedules as relevant to today's industry as they always have been and again, please inform us if there are items you feel should be included. I value all feedback from our clients so that the schedules are revised, updated and responsive to the contracts that they are used to run. You can contact me via our website on the Technical Forum or by email at info@nsrmanagement.co.uk.

NHS PROCUREMENT EVENT

NSR Management would like to inform all our clients that we have a stand at the P4Health exhibition at the ICC in Birmingham on the 9th of July, Why not come along and have a chat.

We will be located on stand 29



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Staff update



All the staff at NSR Management would like to send congratulations to our former employee Dale Jones who emigrated to New Zealand and has landed himself a lovely new wife. We would all like to wish Dale and Aleisha all the best for the future

Tina Carrington has taken up her new post as Client Services Manager.

As from April 2015, Raj Sond and Tracy Thompson are now no longer associated with NSR Management.

David Fairbrother, will resume the role of Managing Director for the foreseeable future.

New Eco Schedule

This year will see the first publication of the new eco schedule, initially it will only be available in electronic format with a printed version produced from next year.

We are hoping it will be a definitive source of price information for a multitude of Eco products.

The first schedule will include items such as;

Plasterboard bonded to insulation boards including High thermal performance PIR and Aerogel

Timber and UPVC windows and secondary glazing

External insulation with rendered finish, Various insulation quilts and boards including Aerogel and PIR

Air and ground source heat pumps, Solar collectors and Photovoltaic modules, Biomass boilers

LED lights and fittings, And various other items.



National Schedules 2015-2016

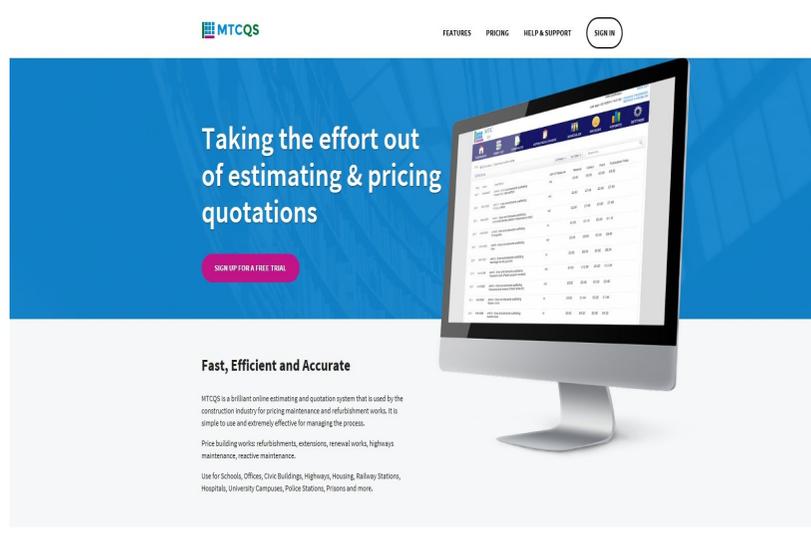
The latest editions of the National Schedule of Rates are now available.

To order your copy, please call Tina on 01296 339966 or email Tina at tina@nsrmanagement.co.uk or visit our online shop at www.nsrmanagement.co.uk



MTC QS Update

By the time you read this newsletter, MTC QS will have a whole new look to the front page of its dedicated website. We have commissioned our NSR Management website developers to produce a new, more informative website which will host the MTC QS login page



The new website will introduce users to a whole range of features including a short instructional video on how to get started including setting up contracts, creating estimates, orders and invoices. Adding custom codes etc.

This will ensure our users will be able to get up and running on the system as soon as possible. We will of course continue to offer detailed training on MTC QS as required.

Important Reminder: Excel Data Users

This is an important notice of change for Excel Data users of the National Schedules!

NSR Management has made available CSV files of the National Schedules to clients based on a license agreement that relied largely on trust and the right to audit. However, in most recent years this has given rise to increasing abuse of the data such as:

- o Customers purchasing only one license and distributing the data widely within their organisation
- o Unauthorised changes and plagiarism of the data for own purposes such as tendering using illegal copies of the schedules
- o Updating data by indices and not renewing data licenses and manually entering data in to retrieval systems
- o Not removing data once the license has expired

Though this is theft of our data it is hard to communicate this to people who steal and do not respect Intellectual Property. We therefore took the decision that we had to protect the data by engaging the services of an excel expert that was a former IBM systems developer. The data now comes with a simple authentication requirement and has a license duration period after which date the data will no longer be accessible.

NSR Consultancy Services

A consultancy service that is cost effective, principled and based on years of experience—why not give us a call....

NSR Management is well positioned to be able to offer consultancy services with in depth knowledge and working experience of the term maintenance and renewals market.

With over thirty years of experience publishing exclusively for this market sector, we are intimately acquainted with the issues that arise for many different client types. We can offer up solutions based on the client's requirements and operations.

Our team is able to work alongside client teams leading the whole process or supporting. We can also offer review and critical friend services where an in-house team requires external overview only.

Our services include: Cost Analysis, Programme Management, Financial Auditing, Procurement, Contract Management, Quantity Surveying, Cost Management, Lifecycle Costing, Stock Condition Surveys, Benchmarking and Value for Money, Expert Witness.

