



NBS Scope of content for CAWS

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NBS Chorus sections include pre-written clauses and guidance to define the products, and their performance and execution, that are required by the following groupings.

The small works library contains a selection of clauses and associated technical guidance from the UK CAWS content and is intended for use on simple construction projects. The building library includes more clauses and in-depth guidance.

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Classification	Sections	Building	Landscape	Small Works
B	Complete buildings/ structures/ units			
B05	Whole building fire safety	✓	✓	✓
B11	Prefabricated building units	✓		
B12	Conservatories	✓		✓
B13	Modular buildings	✓		
B14	Prefabricated panelled constructions	✓		
B15	Prefabricated framed constructions	✓		
B50	General structural requirements	✓		✓
B51	General structural requirements landscape		✓	
B91	Buildings in the landscape	✓	✓	
C	Demolition/ alteration/ renovation			
C10	Site survey	✓	✓	✓
C11	Site investigation	✓	✓	
C20	Demolition	✓	✓	✓
C30	Shoring/ facade retention	✓		✓
C40	Cleaning masonry/ concrete	✓		✓
C41	Repairing/ renovating/ conserving masonry	✓		✓
C42	Repairing/ renovating/ conserving concrete	✓		
C45	Damp-proof course renewal/ insertion	✓		✓
C46	Cavity wall tie renewal/ insertion	✓		✓
C51	Repairing/ renovating/ conserving timber	✓		✓
C52	Fungus/ beetle eradication	✓		✓
C90	Alterations spot items	✓		✓

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D	Groundwork			
D20	Excavating and filling	✓	✓	✓
D21	Ground gas collection and venting systems	✓		✓
D30	Piling	✓		
D40	Embedded retaining walls	✓		
D41	Crib walls, gabions and other gravity retaining walls	✓	✓	
D45	Soil nailing	✓		
D50	Underpinning	✓		✓
E	In situ concrete/ large precast concrete			
E05	In situ concrete construction generally	✓		✓
E10	Mixing/ casting/ curing in situ concrete	✓	✓	✓
E11	Sprayed in situ concrete	✓		✓
E20	Formwork for in situ concrete	✓	✓	✓
E30	Reinforcement for in situ concrete	✓	✓	✓
E40	Designed joints in in situ concrete	✓	✓	✓
E41	Worked finishes to in situ concrete	✓	✓	✓
E42	Accessories cast into in situ concrete	✓		✓
E60	Precast/ composite concrete floors/ roof decks	✓		✓
F	Masonry			
F10	Brick/ block walling	✓	✓	✓
F11	Glass block walling	✓		✓
F20	Natural stone rubble walling	✓	✓	✓
F21	Natural stone/ ashlar walling/ dressings	✓	✓	✓
F22	Cast stone ashlar walling/ dressings	✓	✓	
F30	Accessories/ sundry items for brick/ block/ stone walling	✓	✓	✓
F31	Precast concrete sills/ lintels/ copings/ features	✓	✓	✓
F42	Straw bale walling systems	✓		✓
G	Structural/ carcassing metal/ timber			
G10	Structural steel framing	✓		✓
G12	Isolated structural metal members	✓	✓	✓
G20	Carpentry/ timber-framing/ first fixing	✓	✓	✓
G30	Metal profiled sheet decking	✓		✓
H	Cladding/ covering			
H10	Patent glazing	✓		✓
H11	Curtain walling	✓		
H13	Structural glass assemblies	✓		

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H14	Precast concrete and glass lens/ paver rooflights/ floor lights/ pavement lights/ security panels	✓		
H20	Rigid sheet cladding	✓		✓
H21	Timber weatherboarding	✓		✓
H22	Plastics weatherboarding	✓		✓
H30	Fibre cement profiled sheet cladding/ covering	✓		✓
H31	Metal profiled/ flat sheet cladding/ covering	✓		✓
H32	Plastics profiled sheet cladding/ covering	✓		✓
H40	Glass fibre-reinforced concrete cladding/ components	✓		
H41	Glass fibre-reinforced plastics cladding/ features	✓		
H42	Precast concrete panel cladding/ features	✓		✓
H43	Metal composite panel cladding/ covering	✓		✓
H51	Natural stone slab cladding/ lining/ features	✓		✓
H60	Plain roof tiling	✓		✓
H61	Fibre cement slating	✓		✓
H62	Natural slating	✓		✓
H64	Wood shingle and shake roofing	✓		✓
H65	Single-lap roof tiling	✓		✓
H67	Metal single-lap roof tiling	✓		✓
H71	Lead sheet coverings/ flashings	✓		✓
H72	Aluminium strip/ sheet coverings/ flashings	✓		✓
H73	Copper strip/ sheet coverings/ flashings	✓		✓
H74	Zinc strip/ sheet coverings/ flashings	✓		✓
H75	Stainless steel strip/ sheet coverings/ flashings	✓		✓
H90	Tensile fabric coverings	✓		
H91	Thatch roofing	✓		
H92	Rainscreen cladding	✓		
J	Waterproofing			
J10	Cementitious mortar tanking/ damp-proofing	✓		✓
J20	Mastic asphalt tanking/ damp-proofing	✓		
J21	Mastic asphalt roofing/ insulation/ finishes	✓		✓
J30	Liquid-applied tanking/ damp-proofing	✓	✓	✓
J31	Liquid-applied waterproof roof coatings	✓		✓
J40	Flexible sheet waterproofing/ damp-proofing	✓	✓	✓
J41	Reinforced bitumen membrane roof coverings	✓		✓
J42	Single layer polymeric sheet roof coverings	✓		✓
J44	Sheet-linings for pools/ lakes/ waterways	✓	✓	

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K	Linings/ sheathing/ dry partitioning			
K10	Gypsum board dry linings/ partitions/ ceilings	✓		✓
K11	Rigid sheet flooring/ sheathing/ decking/ sarking/ linings/ casings	✓		✓
K13	Rigid sheet fine linings and panelling	✓		✓
K20	Timber board flooring/ sarking/ linings/ casings	✓		✓
K21	Wood strip/ board fine flooring/ linings	✓		✓
K30	Panel partitions	✓		✓
K32	Panel cubicles/ duct and wall linings/ screens	✓		✓
K40	Demountable suspended ceilings	✓		✓
K41	Raised access floors	✓		✓
K45	Suspended ceiling system alterations	✓		✓
K46	Raised access floor system alterations	✓		
L	Windows/ doors/ stairs			
L10	Windows/ rooflights/ screens/ louvres	✓		✓
L20	Doors/ shutters/ hatches	✓		✓
L30	Stairs/ ladders/ walkways/ handrails/ balustrades	✓		✓
L35	Fixed utilitarian access systems	✓		
L37	External stair, ramps, handrail and balustrades systems		✓	
L40	General glazing	✓		✓
M	Surface finishes			
M10	Cement-based levelling/ wearing screeds	✓		✓
M11	Mastic asphalt flooring/ floor underlays	✓		
M12	Resin flooring	✓		✓
M13	Calcium sulfate-based levelling screeds	✓		✓
M20	Plastered/ rendered/ roughcast coatings	✓	✓	✓
M21	Insulation with rendered finish	✓		✓
M22	Sprayed monolithic coatings	✓		
M30	Metal lathing/ anchored mesh reinforcement for plastered/ rendered coatings	✓		
M40	Stone/ concrete/ quarry/ ceramic tiling/ mosaic	✓	✓	✓
M41	Terrazzo tiling/ in situ terrazzo	✓		✓
M42	Wood block/ composition block/ mosaic parquet flooring	✓		✓
M50	Rubber/ plastics/ cork/ lino/ carpet tiling/ sheeting	✓		✓
M51	Edge fixed carpeting	✓		✓
M52	Decorative papers/ fabrics	✓		✓
M60	Painting/ clear finishing	✓	✓	✓
M61	Intumescent coatings for fire protection of steelwork	✓		

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N	Furniture/ equipment			
N10	General fixtures/ furnishings/ equipment	✓		✓
N11	Domestic kitchen fittings, furnishings and equipment	✓		✓
N12	Commercial catering fittings, furnishings and equipment	✓		✓
N13	Sanitary appliances and fittings	✓		✓
N14	General internal signage systems	✓		✓
N15	Internal fire and safety signage systems	✓		✓
N16	Bird and vermin control systems	✓	✓	
N17	Portable and mobile firefighting systems			✓
N25	Permanent access and safety equipment	✓		✓
N91	External signage and interpretation	✓	✓	✓
P	Building fabric sundries			
P10	Sundry insulation/ proofing work	✓		✓
P11	Foamed/ fibre/ bead cavity wall insulation	✓		✓
P12	Fire-stopping systems	✓		✓
P20	Unframed isolated trims/ skirtings/ sundry items	✓		✓
P21	Door/ window ironmongery	✓		✓
P30	Trenches, pipeways and pits for buried engineering services	✓	✓	✓
P31	Holes, chases, covers and supports for services	✓		✓
Q	Paving/ planting/ fencing/ site furniture			
Q05	Biodiversity and environmental conservation		✓	
Q10	Kerbs/ edgings/ channels/ paving accessories	✓	✓	✓
Q20	Granular sub-bases to roads/ pavings	✓	✓	✓
Q21	In situ concrete roads/ pavings/ bases	✓	✓	✓
Q22	Asphalt roads/ pavings	✓	✓	✓
Q23	Gravel/ hoggin/ woodchip/ resin-bound roads/ pavings/ overlays	✓	✓	✓
Q24	Interlocking brick/ block roads/ pavings	✓	✓	✓
Q25	Slab/ brick/ sett/ cobble pavings	✓	✓	✓
Q26	Special surfacings/ pavings for sport/ general amenity	✓	✓	
Q28	Topsoil and soil ameliorants	✓	✓	✓
Q30	Seeding/ turfing	✓	✓	
Q31	External planting	✓	✓	
Q32	Internal and artificial planting	✓	✓	
Q35	Landscape maintenance	✓	✓	
Q37	Green roofs	✓	✓	
Q40	Fencing	✓	✓	✓
Q41	Barriers/ guard rails	✓	✓	✓

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Q50	Site/ street furniture/ equipment	✓	✓	✓
Q52	Play and sports equipment	✓	✓	
Q55	External decks, boardwalks and bridges	✓	✓	
R	Disposal systems			
R10	Rainwater drainage systems	✓		✓
R11	Above-ground foul drainage systems	✓		✓
R12	Below-ground drainage systems	✓	✓	✓
R13	Land drainage	✓	✓	
R16	Groundwater pressure relief drainage	✓		
R17	Soakaway, septic tank and sewage treatment units	✓		
R18	Pumping stations and pressure pipelines	✓		
S	Piped supply systems			
S14	Irrigation	✓	✓	
S15	Fountains and water features	✓	✓	
S17	Water reclamation systems	✓	✓	✓
S90	Hot and cold water supply systems domestic	✓		✓
S91	Natural gas supply systems domestic	✓		✓
S92	Sprinkler systems domestic	✓		✓
T	Mechanical heating/ cooling/ refrigeration systems			
T90	Heating systems domestic	✓		✓
U	Ventilation/ air conditioning systems			
U90	General ventilation domestic	✓		✓
V	Electrical supply/ power/ lighting systems			
V90	Electrical systems domestic	✓		✓
W	Communications/ security/ control systems			
W53	Assistance call systems	✓		✓
W90	Communications and security systems domestic	✓		✓
X	Transport systems			
X12	Vertical lifting platform and homelift systems	✓		✓
X13	Inclined stairlift systems	✓		✓
Z	Building fabric reference specification			
Z10	Purpose-made joinery	✓	✓	✓
Z11	Purpose-made metalwork	✓	✓	✓
Z12	Preservative/ fire-retardant treatment	✓	✓	✓
Z20	Fixings and adhesives	✓	✓	✓
Z21	Mortars	✓	✓	✓
Z22	Sealants	✓	✓	✓
Z31	Powder coatings	✓	✓	
Z33	Anodizing	✓		