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## CPD Overview

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NBS is a global leading technology platform that combines the best content and connectivity for anyone involved in the design, supply and construction of the built environment. Thousands of users interact daily with our tools to create specifications, find products and develop their digital models. Our platform is used by organisations of all sizes from small architecture and engineering firms, to the very largest global construction companies. We enable our customers to work safer and reduce their risk by providing expert content at their fingertips and work smarter through an intelligent set of connected tools which help them develop and manage their project information faster and more accurately. For building product manufacturers, we can raise awareness of their products and put them in front of decision-makers at the point of specification and product selection.

Our roots lie in the National Building Specification, which for over 40 years has been helping the construction industry build better and with lower risk. Our future lies in cloud-based technologies and connected data, as we fast become the information marketplace for the construction industry. We play an active role on many cross-industry bodies and groups, representing a wide range of construction disciplines including architecture, design and engineering. In 2018 we also took a significant investment from LDC, the Private Equity arm of Lloyds Banking Group, to help fund our growth and global expansion. In 2020 NBS announced it was joining the Byggfakta Group.



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**Available CPD Material (5)**

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**Using NBS Chorus Small Works**

This course is ideal for all users to gain a full understanding of the specification writing capabilities of NBS Chorus. This session is designed for users of the CAWS small works content set.

What does it cover?

- Log in and create new projects.
- Creating a new specification and searching & adding content.
- Edit specifications using NBS pre-written content and guidance.
- Add manufacturer product information to your specification.
- Inviting collaborators to your project and specifications.
- Publish your specification.

This is a three and a half hour course designed to run from 09.30am to 1.00pm or 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

Material type:	Course, Online Learning
RIBA Core Curriculum:	<b>Business, clients and services</b> <b>Design, construction and technology</b>
Knowledge level:	General Awareness

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**Using NBS Chorus – Chorus 2**

This course is ideal for all users to gain a full understanding of the specification writing capabilities of NBS Chorus.

What does it cover?

- Log in and create new projects.
- Creating a new specification and searching & adding content.
- Edit specifications using NBS pre-written content and guidance.
- Use and share existing content from elsewhere in your specification.
- Add manufacturer product information to your specification.
- Inviting collaborators to your project and specifications.
- Use content from your Masters.
- Spec check and submittals report.
- Applying Stylesheets and publishing your specification.
- Creating and using Revisions.

This is a six hour course designed to run 09.30-16.30 onsite or 2 consecutive sessions of 09.30-12.30 / 13.30-16.30 online

Material type:	Course, Online Learning
RIBA Core Curriculum:	<b>Business, clients and services</b> <b>Design, construction and technology</b>
Knowledge level:	General Awareness

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### Using NBS Chorus – Chorus 1

This course is ideal for all users to gain a working understanding of the specification writing capabilities of NBS Chorus. As this is a half day session the training will cover one content set, either CAWS or Uniclass.

What does it cover?

- Log in and create new projects.
- Creating a new specification and searching & adding content.
- Edit specifications using NBS pre-written content and guidance.
- Add manufacturer product information to your specification.
- Inviting collaborators to your project and specifications.
- Publish your specification.

This is a three and a half hour course designed to run from 09.30am to 1.00pm or 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

Material type: Course, Online Learning

RIBA Core Curriculum: **Business, clients and services**  
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Knowledge level: General Awareness

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### NBS Chorus – Platform management

This course is better suited to senior specifiers, organization managers or team leaders who will be responsible for the creation, management and upkeep of the NBS content and Masters content within your Chorus organization as well as managing users and stylesheet templates. Attendees of this course must have an Organization Admin role within your Chorus organization.

What does it cover?

- User creation and management.
- Terminating user sessions.
- Creation of Masters.
- Inviting users to Masters.
- Update of NBS Content in Masters.
- Update of NBS Content in Specifications.
- Stylesheet creation and management.

This is a three and a half hour course designed to run from 09.30am to 1.00pm or 1.30pm to 5.00pm.

Material type: Course, Online Learning

RIBA Core Curriculum: **Business, clients and services**  
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## An Introduction to Specification Writing

A specification is an essential document for all construction projects, helping to ensure that the constructed entity is of suitable quality and meets expected design requirements. This article has been prepared to introduce the purpose and use of specifications on construction projects. It will describe different types and ways of structuring specifications and will provide some good-practice guidelines for those developing specifications. The article will also discuss future aspects of specifications and how changes in the construction industry may affect the type and format of specifications. It will help you to understand the following topics:

- What is a specification
- Why write a specification
- Types of specification
- Developing quality specifications
- The future of specifications

Material type:	Article
RIBA Core Curriculum:	<a href="#">Business, clients and services</a> <a href="#">Design, construction and technology</a>
Knowledge level:	General Awareness

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## Classifications

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### Subject/Product Areas (CI/SfB)

Special activities, requirements

[Office and project management](#) > [Published information services](#)

### RIBA Core Curriculum areas

[Business, clients and services](#)

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*

[Design, construction and technology](#)

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*