

Enviromate

New platform to sell or buy the leftover materials or tools.

The share of construction activity in the total waste production is enormous. Construction industry waste accounts for 32% of the total landfill waste. Over ordering, damage due to poor storage or inappropriate use leads to tones of construction waste each year. The Government's Sustainable Construction Strategy aims for zero waste to landfill by 2020.



Construction, Refurbishment and Demolition activity produce approximately 100 million tones of waste in the UK annually. 3Rs approach (Reduce, Recycle, Reuse) has been adopted effectively in the sector, and about half of that waste is recycled. However, the amount of surplus materials are still high, and most of these are going to waste.

Enviromate promotes the sustainable construction by creating the platform for selling and buying the remaining building materials and tools. It encourages builders to reuse and save the environment. Reusable materials instead of being thrown away are listed on the portal for others to buy.

By using Enviromate builders can save on waste

disposal costs and storage. Moreover, they can get at bargain price materials that are no longer needed by another tradesman. Using Enviromate platform makes the company more sustainable and environment-friendly. To use Enviromate- the UK's leading construction marketplace for used or remaining materials, register and create an account on www.enviromate.co.uk.

BOOK REVIEW

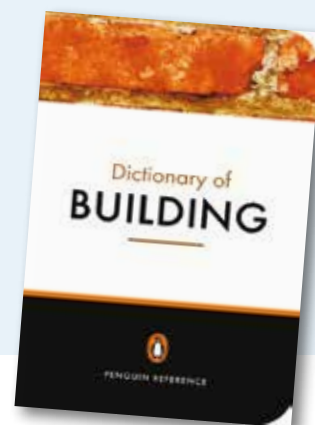
The Penguin Dictionary of Building (Penguin Reference Books)

by John S. Scott, James Mclean (Edited by), John S. Scott (Edited by) 16 Aug 1993

'Do you need to know your lime putty from your lime plaster? Want to improve your flatness tolerance? Stuck with an incomprehensible DIY manual? The Penguin Dictionary of Building is your answer. Ably steering you through the confusing maze of jargon and technical terms, this ever-popular text has sold over 150,000 copies and is invaluable for anyone interested in construction: students, professional architects, bricklayers, carpenters, glaziers, plasterers, plumbers or DIY enthusiasts. From abrasives to

Z-purlin via the murder clause, this clear and comprehensive dictionary provides succinct and accurate explanations of the techniques, equipment and issues of the building world.'

A very comprehensive and well-described dictionary of building terms. This book alphabetically defines terms used in the construction industry. Clear explanations and some useful diagrams are included. If you want to grasp some construction terminology, then this book is a god sent! Highly recommended!



HM Revenue & Customs Personal Tax Account

Personal Tax Account makes the tax less formal and time consuming. Taxpayers can access their Personal Tax Account online on any device; it is accessible on PC tablet or smartphone.

Register on GOV.UK and set up the Government Gateway account to use this online service. Details required for registration include the National Insurance Number, recent payslip or P60 and telephone number to receive the security code.

Via digital Personal Tax Account taxpayers can get tax refunds from HM Revenue & Customs directly to their bank account. The online system allows the overpaid tax to be repaid directly to the bank account within 3-5 days. The bank account details are required to set up the repayment.

Ruth Owen, Director General of Customer service, HMRC said: "This new service puts customers in control of their tax affairs allowing them to claim any money owing to them immediately. They can claim at a time that suits them, from a device of their choice, securely, and without needing to wait for a cheque in the post.

"Now customers will have access to funds cleared in their account within 3-5 days rather than the two weeks it would typically take for a cheque to be issued, banked and cleared."

Moreover, the Personal Tax Account allows

- viewing and updating personal details
- checking Income Tax estimate and tax code
- checking how their tax is calculated
- filling in, sending and viewing a personal tax return
- tracking the progress of forms submitted
- making claims online regarding tax credits payments etc.
- checking and managing tax credits
- report changes in circumstances

- checking the level of the expected state pension
- finding out about the Marriage Allowance entitlement
- updating benefits received from work e.g. company car or medical insurance
- applying online for the tax credit refund

based on the previous online activity connected with government

GOV.UK.Verify is the verification tool where the applicant's identity is confirmed by one of the certified companies. The company chosen may ask some questions, or perform checks using photo identification and financial information before confirming the applicant's identity.

It is a safe, faster and simpler way of accessing government services online. The company doesn't know which service the applicant is trying to access, and the government department doesn't know which company the applicant choose. It can be done online, without going to prove the identity in person or by post. This verification method requires UK Photo Driving Licence or UK Passport.

Personal Tax Account was launched in December 2015. There were concerns with the security or authentication. Security of data is ensured through various defence measures and constant monitoring. Regarding authentication, there are few ways to prove who the person is :

- GOV.UK.Verify
- Government Gateway account
- Identity verification through questions

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Personal tax account: sign in or set up

Use your personal tax account to check your records and manage your details with HM Revenue and Customs ([HMRC](#)).

To sign in for the first time, you'll need:

- a [Government Gateway account](#) - you'll have one if you've used [HMRC](#) online services before
- a National Insurance number (a temporary reference number won't work)

Signing in creates your account.

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Construction Tax Frauds

Tax evasion has been a problem for the HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) as tax cheats cost both the government and local councils significant funds from the tax revenue every year. The Government has employed some measures to fight fraud for instance, implementing large penalty fines and prison sentences to tax offenders. The technology is also being used to identify and track scams. A data of employee and contractor addresses and bank accounts can be analysed to highlight suspicious links. The construction industry is coming under increasing scrutiny as there are loopholes in the sector which can be used to defraud HMRC.

The tax evasion cases are public, and one of the most recent victories of HMRC over the construction tax offenders is the identification of a trend in the financial accounting of local tradesmen, with many of them known to each other. They all worked for a company on a self-employed basis and were paid monthly, but failed to register with HMRC for Self Assessment, instead keeping the money they should have handed over in Income Tax and National Insurance. The company was not implicated in the fraud. The combined tax fraud total for all 17 tradesmen from the East Midlands was near £643,000. The final defendant, an electrician Aleksandr GebSKI who failed to declare his earnings to HMRC from his job, was sentenced as part of the investigation.

Brett Wilkinson, Assistant Director, Fraud Investigation Service, HMRC, said:

"This was a group of individuals who decided to keep taxpayers' money that should have been funding vital public services. As self-employed traders in the construction industry, they believed it was a quick way to make easy cash, with little risk of getting caught - but they couldn't have been more wrong. "This last prosecution brings to an end a scam extending across the Leicestershire area and shows HMRC is levelling the playing field for honest

tradesmen. The sentences passed down should be a warning to anyone thinking about committing tax fraud - it's a criminal offence, and we won't hesitate to use our full range of powers to ensure that nobody is beyond the law. "We ask anyone with information about suspected tax fraud to contact our 24-hour hotline on 0800 59 5000."

Aleksander GebSKI pleaded guilty to the fraudulent evasion of £28,196.36 of Income Tax and National Insurance at the start of his trial at Leicester Crown Court on the 22nd August 2016 and was sentenced to 21 months in prison, suspended for two years. He was also placed on a four-month curfew and ordered to pay £700 costs. All 17 tradesmen have been prosecuted under the Project Dobbin investigation, and many pleaded guilty last year, receiving a mixture of immediate custodial sentences, suspended prison terms or being ordered to carry out hundreds of hours of unpaid work.

The fraud in the construction sector is not only connected with the non-payment of PAYE tax and National Insurance Contributions but also common as:

- the use of false invoices
- hi-jacked VAT registrations

- contrived insolvencies
- under-priced contracting

The HMRC leaflet 'Use of Labour Providers- Advice on Due Diligence' is a guidance for those who supply labour to the construction industry to ensure that the appropriate checks have been conducted. Not only the cash in hand payments and the employment issues have drawn the attention of HMRC but also connected with VAT payments. To ensure there is no loophole for tax avoiders, the main contractor can be denied the repayment of their input VAT if the sub-contractor does not pay the VAT.

The tax avoidance in the construction industry is very common, however, the irregularities might be caused not by planned criminal offences but due to negligence or errors. In some cases, tax investigators are keen to make agreements if an alleged fraud was proved to be only an inaccurate book-keeping due to the burden of jobs. Construction companies are encouraged to employ professionally accredited accountants and seek legal advice to avoid troubles.



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IBB Polish Building Wholesale has been announced as the finalist in prestigious Construction & Engineering Awards. The 2016 Construction & Engineering Awards have been designed to reward and recognise the most innovative and successful projects. These awards highlight

excellence across every aspect of construction and engineering. Categories include product innovation, health & safety, education, and corporate and social responsibility.

The judging panel consists of the industry experts who will recognise and reward the

outstanding achievement in the construction sector.

IBB Polish Building Wholesale has achieved a finalist position in 2 categories:

- **Excellence**
- **Innovation of the Year Software**

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Following your recent submission to the London Construction Awards, We are delighted to announce that **IBB Polish Building Wholesale** has been shortlisted to the final in the following categories:

London Build Excellence Award

The Winners and Runners Up will be announced during the awards gala dinner ceremony on the evening of the 26th October at the exclusive venue, The Royal Garden Hotel, London.

For further details on your application or to reserve tickets to attend the Awards Ceremony at, The Royal Garden Hotel, London, please contact:

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