



Rendering Checklist

1. **Is the wall built from Brick, Block or Stone masonry units?**
2. **Are the masonry units bedded on a lime, black-ash or cement mortar?**
 - Does the contractor know which rendering mortar is appropriate for the substrate?
 - Have options been given to you based on the nature of the masonry?
 - Has the contractor demonstrated an understanding of the different types of substrate?
 - Has appropriate prep & after care options been given to you?
 - Does the contractor understand the difference between modern & traditional renders?
3. **Is the contractor prepared to rake the joints to at least double the width of the joint opening?**
 - Does the contractor understand they are not to cut the masonry to open the joint?
 - If the joint is 'tight' (2mm+/-) does the contractor know how to deal with it?
 - Does the contractor understand the difference between Cavity & Solid Walls?
4. **Will the contractor employ a 2-layer backing coat system and fibreglass tensile mesh?**
 - Will the contractor prime each layer with waterproof polymer glue?
 - Does the contractor understand the necessity of timing/tack when priming?
 - Does the contractor understand the need for an appropriate bridging compound?
 - Has provision been made to ensure correct mortar binding constituents are employed?
5. **Has the wall been checked for damp or other adversities that could affect the finish?**
 - Will the contractor report any findings in the event issues are discovered?
 - Does the contractor know how & when to install Wall-Ties?
 - Does the contractor know how & when a liquid DPC is required?
 - Does the contractor know how & when helical stitching is required?
 - Does the contractor understand the necessity for above DPC beading?
6. **Has provision been made to ensure continuous access to power and water?**
 - Has the contractor demonstrated expertise in their planning & provision?
7. **Has provision been made to notify adjoining properties/neighbours of potential hazards?**
 - Has the contractor given sufficient pre-work advice?
 - Has the contractor made provision for window coverings and (adjoining) ground sheets?
8. **Have the appropriate checks and notifications been undertaken to ensure the works conform to laws & legislative measures?**

- Has the council been notified and permits obtained for on-street scaffolding/skips?
- Has the contractor enquired as to the status of the building?
- If the building is Graded heritage status, does the contractor understand responsibilities?

9. Does the Quote supplied by the contractor include a Guarantee & what terms are specified?

- Has separate provision been made for patch-work & full-face work?
- Has provision been made for accidental damage or injury?
- Has provision been made to inform in the event of a delay before or during works?

10. Has the contractor supplied any pre-booking information?

- Did this include advice and info for: before / during / after?
- Has the contractor undertaken any Health & Safety training?

11. Does the contractor hold suitable public & employer liability cover/insurance?

- Are separate policies held to cover both public *and* employer liabilities?

12. Has the contractor charged enough to undertake the works to a 'proper' standard?

- Beware very low priced Quotes that may force the 'cutting of corners'.
- Contrary to popular belief, too expensive is better than too cheap.
- Buy cheap, buy twice.

13. Did the contractor make you feel confident in their ability to complete the work to standard?

14. Did the contractor make you feel relaxed, are they approachable *and* professional?

15. Has the contractor given accountable payment options?

- Does the contractor provide receipts for all payments made?
- Does the contractor require a deposit / stage payments?
- Has the contractor made you aware of any potential changes in cost in special events?
- Does the contractors paperwork indicate a thorough understanding of their role?
- Did the contractors paperwork outline payment terms and turnaround times?
- Did the contractors paperwork outline any last-minute cancellation fees?

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