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## PREFACE

The purpose of the Supplement is to identify, for persons in the masonry housing industry, those clauses in AS 3700 which relate in particular to various aspects of masonry construction. It does not purport to be exhaustive in this respect and the full Standards should be referred to for cross-referenced clauses not included here. (Extracts from the Commentary to AS 3700 are prefixed by the letter 'C'.)

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## FOREWORD

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It is therefore essential for those site personnel engaged in masonry construction activities to be aware of which particular requirements of AS 3700 refer to their work and to have some understanding of what those requirements mean in terms of their on-site activities. This Supplement is intended to assist in this direction by giving firstly the relevant clauses of AS 3700 which refer to construction practices, followed by an appendix of corresponding clauses from AS 3700-Supp 1 which give a brief explanation for each extracted requirement, or an indication of appropriate action, or both.

This Supplement is the first stage of a Guide to Masonry Housing being prepared by Standards Australia. It is intended that this guide will set out, in plain English and handy format, acceptable site practices to be followed to comply with the construction requirements of AS 3700 and to implement the design requirements of the project. It is further intended that the Guide to Masonry Housing will be one of a number of similar 'Guides' for other activities on building sites.

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