

## News Release

### SCS LAUNCHES NEW CONSTRUCTION COST FILE HANDBOOK

Chartered surveyors and others working in the construction industry can now avail of the most up-to-date construction costs in preparing budgets, as a new edition of the Construction Cost File handbook has been published by the Society of Chartered Surveyors (SCS), Ireland's largest construction and property industry body.

The SCS Construction Cost File 2007 handbook covers the latest available information on wage rates and cost of employing labour in the construction industry, based on agreements reached between the appropriate representative bodies as registered with the Labour Court.

The new Construction Cost File handbook gives the costs position current on January 1, 2007, and shows the changes since July 1, 1998. The handbook was first published by the Society in 1994. Since then editions have been published regularly, with the handbook showing comparative cost changes over the years.

This comprehensive guide to construction costs details wage rates for lorry drivers through to electricians and fitters, the cost of employing labour and conditions of employment such as pension / sick pay schemes, paid leave and employers' liability insurance.

It also includes various useful indices – construction, labour, building & construction materials and housing costs, consumer prices. Additionally, it incorporates the latest SCS Guide to House Rebuilding Costs for insurance purposes and the SCS Tender Price Index.

The new handbook has been prepared by the Quantity Surveying Division of the SCS and compiled with data received from Central Statistics Office, Construction Industry Federation, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Department of Education and Science, Department of Social and Family Affairs, DKM Economic Consultants and the Quantity Surveyors Division of Dublin City Council.

“The handbook, probably the most comprehensive guide there is with the most up-to-date construction costs, will now enable practitioners to prepare as accurate project budgets as possible based on these latest figures available”, said Ken Cribbin of quantity surveyors Brendan Merry & Partners, chairman of the SCS Quantity Surveying Division.

The new SCS Construction Cost File 2007 handbook is available from the Society of Chartered Surveyors at 5, Wilton Place, Dublin 2. It costs €47.

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**Note to editors:**

The SCS now has over 1,700 qualified members and a further 1,000 students and probationers. Members include quantity, planning & development, building, rural, and specialist surveyors, as well as general practice surveyors working in the valuation area, countrywide.