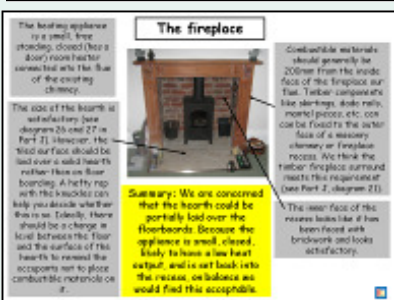
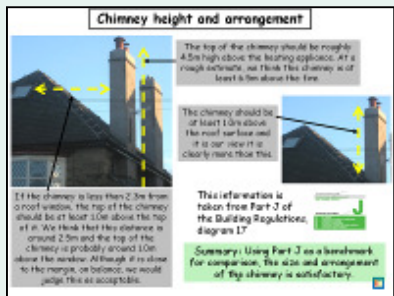


## Sample pages from the 'taster' module



**Review of the critical indicators**

The summary section from each critical indicator page are shown below.

Critical indicator	Green	Yellow	Red
Chimney height and arrangement	✓		
Chimney - stability and condition	✓		
Flue terminal	✓		
Fireplace		✓	
Connection to flue	✓		
Ventilation		✓	
Notice plans, contractor and maintenance			✓
The heating appliance		✓	
Type of fuel		✓	

## Module One (Free 'Taster' Module) Assessing Solid Fuel Heating Appliances

This module is part of BlueBox *partners*' Distance Learning Programme. This innovative development is designed to help residential practitioners deepen and broaden their professional skills and knowledge flexibly and cost effectively. As part of a balanced life long learning strategy, it can help surveyors give a better service to their clients and employers and show competence when faced with a claim or an allegation.

### Introduction to the module

This module looks at the use of solid fuel heating appliances. The number of newly installed open fires, wood burning stoves and 'biomass' room heaters has increased dramatically. For some home owners it is about fashion; for others, environmental concerns, fuel security (following the big Russian 'switch off') and rising fuel costs have been the motivating factors. Whatever the reason, solid fuel appliances burn carbon based fuels that produce carbon monoxide and other noxious gaseous products. Consequently surveyors need to be aware of the general regulations and requirements that govern the installation and maintenance of these appliances and need to be able to spot some of the most obvious problems.

### Module objectives

At the end of this module, participants should be able to:

- identify and retrieve relevant technical information from appropriate sources;
- describe the rules and regulations relating to the installation and maintenance of solid fuel heating appliances;
- apply the knowledge to the assessment of a typical installation;
- evaluate their own performance by comparing their own response to the model answer and identify strengths and weaknesses, and;
- set realistic objectives for their future professional development using their evaluation.

### Module content

The module will include:

- reference documents that outline the main regulations and standards for solid fuel appliances and installations;
- an illustrated case study of a typical solid fuel installation for you to analyse;
- an annotated 'model' answer that identifies the critical issues that influence our assessment of the system;
- the condition rating and report extract we think are appropriate for this example;
- the BlueBox *partners* Guide to Distance Learning that helps you incorporate this activity into your life long learning profile;
- access to the BlueBox *partners* 'technical forum' where you can discuss and debate a whole range of technical issues with fellow participants.

### Costs

To help you judge whether our Distance Learning Programme meets your needs, this first module is free. To get a username and password visit [www.blueboxpartners.com](http://www.blueboxpartners.com) and select 'Distance Learning Programme' from the 'Available Courses' heading. Other modules will cost £28.00 plus VAT each, with a 10% discount when you buy four or more modules.

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