



SCOTTISH BUILDING CONTRACT COMMITTEE LIMITED  
Rules for SBCC Annual Essay Competition

**Introduction:**

The Scottish Building Contract Committee ('**SBCC**') has an annual Essay Competition which allows for an Essay Prize ('**the Prize**'). The rules that will apply to the Prize ('**the Rules**') are as follows.

**The Rules:**

1. The Prize shall be awarded annually to a relevant person as defined below (a '**Relevant Person**') who is judged to have written and submitted in accordance with the Rules the best original and unpublished essay relating to SBCC/JCT contracts or of relevance to the work of SBCC.
2. Only a Relevant Person may submit an essay for consideration. A Relevant Person is a student who, as at the Closing Date in any year, is:
  - a. Either (a) under the age of 35 years old or (b) over the age of 35 years old registered with a UK institution, studying a degree, professional qualification, vocational course, trade apprenticeship, or any other construction-related study programme on a full time or part time basis including but not restricted to any academic study conducted in whole or in part by way of correspondence, distance learning or night classes; and
  - b. Permanently resident in Scotland or temporarily resident in Scotland for the purpose of such academic study.
3. Any person who submits an essay for the Essay Competition shall produce evidence to the satisfaction of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the SBCC that the person meets the foregoing criteria and the decision of the Chair and the Vice Chair on whether a person meets the foregoing criteria including whether the academic study is appropriate will be final.
4. Entry takes place via the SBCC website at [www.scottishbuildingcontracts.com](http://www.scottishbuildingcontracts.com). Entry will close at 5.00pm on the advertised closing date ('**the Closing Date**'). Any essay submitted shall not be greater than 3,000 words in length and shall not be accepted for consideration if it exceeds that length. It shall be in English and an acceptable file format. Acceptable file formats are Word or pdf.
5. The Prize will be £1,000 (one thousand pounds) or such other sum as the Board of the SBCC shall from time to time determine. There will be a single prize in each calendar year.
6. The winner of the Prize might be offered the opportunity to present in person their winning essay at the SBCC Annual Update Conference. Should the winner decline to do so, this will not affect their winning status, entitlement to the Prize or any other matter covered by the Rules.
7. At the discretion of the SBCC and RIAS, the winning essay might be published in the RIAS quarterly review.
8. Additional entries may also be Commended. There may be a discretionary prize awarded to Commended entries, however this will be at the judging committee's sole discretion.
9. The best essay and thus the winner of the Prize and, where applicable, any Commended entries shall be determined by a judge or judge(s) appointed from time to time by the Chair of the SBCC. In the event that in any year no essay submitted is considered worthy of the Prize, the judge or judges may recommend that the Prize should not be awarded that year. Any decision of such judge or judge(s) on these matters will be final.
10. Any essay submitted for consideration shall not have been published in whole or in part in any publication.



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11. Any person who, at the Closing Date in any year, is an Office Bearer or Committee member or Board member of the SBCC shall not be eligible to enter an essay in the Essay competition for the Prize.
12. Any Relevant Person who submits an essay for consideration by so doing agrees that the SBCC shall be entitled to publish in whole or in part and in any form any essay which wins the Prize. Such publication may include but shall not be restricted to SBCC's own website and publications and other websites and professional publications deemed appropriate by SBCC. SBCC shall also be entitled to use the essay for promotional purposes and to include the winner's photograph. The winner of the Prize shall provide such further assistance in that connection, including a photograph and background information, as may reasonably requested by the SBCC.