



**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS – SPECIFICATION FOR
BURNT BRICKS**

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THE GAMBIA STANDARDS BUREAU

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE: BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS COMMITTEE

The Building and construction materials Committee developed this Standard Specification for **Burnt Bricks**. The Committee was set up by Bureau in 2016 to work on the development of national standards in the building and civil engineering field.

The BCM consists of representatives from the following Institutions/Organizations:

- Ministry of Transport, Works and Infrastructure
- National Road Authority
- Department of Physical Planning
- Association of Gambian construction Contractors (GACCON)
- University of the Gambia
- Gambia Technical Training Institute
- Insight Training Institute
- GACEM
- Social Security and Housing Finance Cooperation
- GAMWORKS
- Association Real Estates Companies
- Gambia Fire and Rescue Services
- Jah Oil Company
- Salam Cement Company
- Gambia Competition and Consumer Protection Commission
- ABSA Consultancy
- Finish Profiles the Gambia

The Gambia Standards Bureau is the Secretary to the Building and Construction Materials Technical Committee.

Foreword

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The Gambia Standards Bureau is a member of the African Organization for Standardization (ARSO), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and an affiliate member of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC).

This Gambia Standard is the standard for Building and Construction Materials – Specification for Burnt Bricks. It lays down the essential requirements to which such bricks must conform.

The National Committee responsible for this is the Technical Committee for Building and General Construction

Building and Construction Materials – Specification for Burnt Bricks

1. Scope

This Gambia Standards specifies the requirements for dimensions and physical requirements of burnt clay units for solid , performance or hollow used in building and construction industry.

