

## Welcome In Benchmark Estimating Software World

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### **About Benchmark Estimating**

Benchmark Estimating is a dynamic, expanding company that always places the highest importance on providing value to our clients.

Benchmark Estimating can be divided into three business units that all revolve around the key business discipline of estimating. Benchmark Estimating's three key areas will provide any business with the knowledge, skill and assistance they need to effectively produce high quality estimates in less time and with greater consistency and control.

### **Estimating Software**

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### **Estimating Training**

Benchmark Estimating runs Fundamentals of Estimating Workshops, which are designed to teach your staff the fundamental principles behind good estimating. These courses tap into Benchmark Estimating's extensive knowledge to provide your organisation with the confidence and knowledge to consistently prepare better estimates.

### **Estimating Consultants**

Benchmark Estimating can either prepare or review your estimates to ensure you get your submissions as close as possible to being right. Using a combination of our own systems - Benchmark Estimating Software and the Roadworks Estimator - and our vast knowledge and experience, Benchmark Estimating will work with you to provide the results you need in a timely, professional, transparent manner.

In the present e-Book we provide you articles to act as a purchase guide of Estimating Software and help you make an informed decision.

Happy Reading!!

Team Benchmark Estimating

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## Construction Estimating

Managing a business is not an easy job, especially when your business is construction. Keeping a track of everything manually is very difficult and searching for particular information can take up lots of your time. Today the traditional way of running a construction business is very time consuming. It is therefore advisable to look for alternatives that help you to increase your efficiency and productivity.

Restructuring a business requires a certain amount of planning and making use of efficiency increasing methods. Construction [estimating software](#) is also a step in the right direction. This software gives you an estimate of your construction projects with all the relevant details. You can manage all your project related information and edit your floor plans for proper analysis and do a proper construction risk analysis. The software takes care of the most time consuming part in construction estimating, the calculations about the materials required, and quantity required for a project, or the estimated market cost of the project.

If you wish to acquire construction software for your business, study the software features properly. There are many estimating companies that offer estimating software so you should select the one that has all the features that you are looking for. Most construction estimation software packages have:

- Up to date material prices that are updated frequently.
- Man hours and crew rates- the work estimates include a crew along with typical rate per man hour for installation
- Job cost wizard that helps to turn estimates and proposals into documents which are then exported to the printer.
- Calculators that help you to save more time to figure out the quantities for joists systems, concrete walls, and bearing walls.

The other features are permits, demolition, renovation, construction risk analysis, civil estimating, construction valuations and rubbish removal. Good construction software provides you with quick and accurate estimates so that you spend less time estimating and more time running your business.

Benchmark Estimating offers some of the best estimating software that can be used for [landscape estimating](#) and job cost estimating. We also offer other services such as [Estimating Training](#) and estimating counselling. All these services increase the efficiency of your construction business and make your life a lot easier in this competitive scenario.

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## Job Costing Software

Are you aware of your business profitability? Most of us do not know about our profitability of our company. Simply earning money is not enough you should earn profit after paying your bills and taking care of your expenses. Profitability in a business should be monitored on a regular basis. Every business requires a certain level of job costing to keep an account of the profits or losses incurred.

Job costing involves collecting information about how much you make or spend on every job that you do. You should be looking into the overhead costs and minimising them if possible. Job costing gives you an accurate idea of what you are spending and what you are earning, thus defining your overall profits and losses. Unknowingly we can spend too much money on the general upkeep which can be easily avoided. This unique exercise helps in identifying the problem areas so that effective action can be taken to take care of the problem areas.

If you are thinking of job costing manually you are in for tedious, frustrating times. Good job costing software can help you to get an accurate estimate of the job. You are saved from looking into confusing figures and mind boggling details. Job costing is an important part of your overall planning and management and gives a proper breakdown of the overhead costs incurred along with the details such as labour and material costs.

Benchmark Estimating is a dynamic company that offers estimating services and products. The services offered are [Estimating Training](#) and [Estimating Consulting](#) as well as [estimating software](#).

The Benchmark Estimating software offers companies accurate and consistent estimates. It even allows your business flexibility in terms of the estimate and thus helps in saving the user's time and effort. The main advantages of the [estimating software](#) are ease of usage, speed of operation, flexibility, accuracy along with consistency in performance. This amazing software is supported by software training, implementation of the cost estimating software along with 24/7 support services to ensure that you get maximum advantage on your investment. Our estimating training workshops are specially designed to client's staff fundamentals of good estimating.

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## Landscape estimating

Estimation is an important part of planning. The accuracy of your estimate will affect your ability to deliver on time and ensure that the project lies within the constraints of the budget. It has been observed that the most accurate estimates lead to lowest cost development.

Many observations point out that if you over-estimate the time and effort required for completing a job then chances are great that Parkinson's Law will follow. The law states that "Work will fill the time made available for its completion". On the other hand if you under-estimate then you may have to add extra resources to complete the job or de-scope to complete the job on time. Landscape estimating also takes care of the above factors. Benchmark Estimating is an estimating company that offers different types of services that include [estimating training](#) and consulting services along with [estimating software](#).

The estimating software is designed so that it is easy to use, flexible, consistent and accurate. The software allows your business flexibility to get a proper estimation in a central system. These specific solutions help in streamlining the processes such as estimating, quoting and reporting and integration with other business processes.

Benchmark Full is easy to use and has all the features of the Benchmark LITE software version. The software has the following features:

- Quality Takeoff
- Auto allocate
- Resource Rate Change
- Supplier Manager
- Process claims
- Project Analysis
- Email
- Follow Up

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## **Benchmark LITE**

Benchmark LITE is the introductory estimating solution offered by Benchmark and has core estimating features along with a number of Benchmark's Libraries and the majority of reports. Both versions of the software have an interesting array of features that help to ensure efficient and fast estimating. The software can be easily integrated in the current business processes of an organisation. We provide you with 24/7 telephone and email support and current clients have the provision of submitting a support query online. We provide the users with training courses so that they are able to handle the software efficiently. We also provide an integration service to our clients to streamline the integration of Benchmark.

If you are looking for information about estimating solutions for landscape estimating or job costing then Benchmark Estimating is your site.

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## Estimating for Chip Seal

Chip seal treatment is commonly used in UK for sealing the surface of the road to prevent regress of water. It helps in preventing spray and improves skid resistance thus reducing accidents. It is also a part of maintenance programme that helps to arrest deterioration. During the chip seal treatment a spray of bitumen emulsion is applied, followed by a covering with aggregate and the surface is compacted.

Chip seal estimating is a process that determines the quantities of asphalt and aggregate along with the allocation of plant to do the job. The process is not difficult but is complicated with the add-ons the documents that need to be prepared along with the estimation.

Benchmark Estimating offers a method that is far more accurate and incredibly fast. The power routine feature offered by Benchmark makes the job very easy. The user only needs to import the Bill of Quantities followed by running of the power routine feature. The feature works through each street running Benchmark's Routines for each street. It helps in reducing the time taken to do the job, provides accurate estimates and simplifies the whole process to a great extent. As the system makes use of standard routines there is no scope for error. Benchmark's Power Routines feature is an ideal solution for chip seal estimating.

Benchmark Estimating offers estimating software that simplifies the process of estimation to a great extent. The software has libraries that capture the information and maintain the accuracy and consistency in the estimates. It offers you ease of usage along with many unique features that can increase the productivity gains by as much as 85%. The main advantages that the software are powerful reporting, exports to accounting systems and automatic creation of schedules of construction.

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## Estimating Software: Ideal for Government Sector

Estimating software helps you to eliminate errors and makes the task easier. There are many estimating software options available that range from a simple estimating calculator package to a complete powerful software package that tackles integrated estimating, job tracking and business management. The cost-estimating software can be successfully used in local government estimating, road pricing, and [construction estimating](#).

### Advantages of Benchmark Estimating

- \* **Estimating software** helps to save time and money.
- \* **Estimating software** offers accuracy in the estimates provided and can compute actual material and labour costs.
- \* **Estimating software** offers consistent performance as it uses the same methods and procedures every time it makes an estimate. Thus it helps in avoiding costly overruns and adjusts future estimates along with pointing out some cost saving procedures.
- \* **Estimating software** helps in procurement by estimating the equipment and resources required and tracking job progress. It helps in streamlining processes in the purchasing department.
- \*The software helps in overseeing installations, registering stock and the overall project management in the construction and road pricing industry.

Benchmark Estimating offers Benchmark Estimating Software that caters to the requirement of an organisation that needs accurate estimates. The software offers you ease of use, flexibility, speed of operation, accuracy, and consistency. The amazing [estimating software](#) helps in accelerating, streamlining and controlling your estimating processes which is especially useful in local government estimating.

We offer two different types of software that include Benchmark FULL and Benchmark LITE along with additional modules. We offer 24/7 telephone and email support to solve any query related to the software and as a customer you can also submit an online support enquiry.

Benchmark Estimating also offers [Estimating Training](#) and estimation consultation services.

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## **Project Cost Estimation: Estimate Direct & Indirect Cost**

Project cost estimation is a vital part of the initial planning process of a project. The accuracy of the estimate influences the delivery time and the budget of the project and consequently affects the satisfaction level of customers. Cost estimating software helps you to make accurate estimates such as construction risk analysis precisely and accurately.

The most accurate estimate will lead to lowest cost development. It is based on the concept that if you over estimate the effort and the time it takes to do the job then work will fill the time that is made available for its completion. While, if you under estimate the time it takes then you will have to de-scope or add extra resources to meet the deadline of the project. Therefore, over and under estimates both lead to higher cost as compared to accurate estimates.

[Estimating Software](#) is designed to give you quick and accurate estimates. Though this software requires a good initial investment, they help you to reap benefits in the long run by finding the direct and indirect cost involved.

Advantages of cost estimating software

- \* Offers quick and accurate estimates.
- \* Helps in improving work schedules and optimum resource utilisation.
- \* Helps in faster delivery of products in the marketplace.
- \* It simplifies the estimating process and saves lots of time compared to manual estimating.
- \* The software allows you to use or recall data from previous jobs and use in it the present job thus improving consistency.
- \* The software allows you to make changes quickly even after the estimate is created.

You can use the cost estimating software in a variety of industries and functions such as construction risk analysis, [job costing](#), estimating [road costs](#) or road construction costs along with other direct and indirect costs. Once you can get an [accurate estimate](#), you can use it for taking your or your client's project to the next level. An accurate estimate forms a sound basis for ensuring the success of your campaign.

Benchmark Estimating is a dynamic company that offers a variety of estimating services. These services include [estimating training](#) and consultation services. We also offer efficient estimating software that is accurate, flexible and consistent in performance.

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