

Masonry

- (a) located so as to form a continuous damp-proofing barrier—
 - (i) around the bottom perimeter of walls where constructed on a concrete slab; and
 - (ii) in walls and piers below suspended floors; and
 - (iii) where a masonry wall passes through a roof; and
 - (iv) where a roof abuts an external masonry wall; and
 - (v) to the bottom and tops of *windows* and doors and the like in accordance with (3), except a *damp-proof course* or a *flashing* need not be provided to the top of a *window* or door where the opening is protected by an eave of a width more than 3 times the height of the masonry veneer above the opening; and
 - (b) continuous through the wall or pier and be visible from the outside face of the wall.
- (2) The location of a *damp-proof course*, or *flashing* serving as a *damp-proof course*, must be not less than—
- (a) 150 mm above the adjacent ground level; or
 - (b) 75 mm above the finished surface level of adjacent paved, concreted or landscaped areas that slope away from the wall; or
 - (c) 50 mm above finished paved, concreted or landscaped areas complying with 3.3.3(b)(ii) and protected from the direct effects of the weather by a carport, verandah or the like; or
 - (d) in *low rainfall intensity areas*—
 - (i) 15 mm above finished paved, concreted or landscaped areas; or
 - (ii) 0 mm above finished paved, concreted or landscaped areas if the *damp-proof course* is protected from the direct effects of the weather by a carport, verandah or the like.
- (3) Sill and head *flashings* serving openings must be—
- (a) installed so that the *flashing* extends not less than 150 mm beyond the reveals on each side of the opening; and
 - (b) located not more than—
 - (i) one course below the sill brick course; and
 - (ii) 300 mm above the opening; and
 - (c) turned up in the *cavity* not less than 150 mm above the opening; and
 - (d) embedded not less than 30 mm into—
 - (i) for masonry veneer, the masonry leaf; and
 - (ii) for *cavity* masonry, the outer masonry leaf; and
 - (e) attached to the *window* or wall framing.

5.7.5 Weepholes

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- (1) Except where excluded by (2), open perpend joints (weepholes) must be created in the course immediately above any *flashing* (including above any *damp-proof course* acting as a *flashing*) and be—
 - (a) a minimum of 50 mm in height, by the width of the vertical mortar joint; and
 - (b) at not more than 1.2 m centres; and
- (2) Weepholes are not *required* in the following locations:
 - (a) Where head openings are less than 1.2 m wide.
 - (b) Beneath *window* and door sills.
 - (c) Where the level of the external impervious surface is elevated for the purpose of providing step-free access *required* by H8P1.