The Building and Construction Authority’s (BCA) Construction Quality Assessment System (CONQUAS) has been widely adopted as the de facto national yardstick for measuring the quality of building projects. To meet the rising expectations of homeowners, the Quality Mark (QM) Scheme was launched in 2002 to promote a higher consistency in workmanship standards for residential developments. Besides setting standards and measuring the level of workmanship through CONQUAS and QM, BCA has developed a series of publications of Good Industry Practices Guide for different trades.

This “Good Industry Practices – Drywall Internal Partition” is part of the CONQUAS Enhancement Series on Good Industry Practices. A noticeable increase in the use of drywall has been observed in the construction industry over the years. Drywall construction has emerged as one of the leading options towards achieving quality finishing with higher productivity without compromising its primary functionality as an internal wall. The use of drywall is also encouraged and recognised under CONQUAS 8th edition. This guide shares with the industry some of the good practices adopted by practitioners and contractors who consistently deliver high quality work in drywall construction. It provides simple and practical illustrations to users on how good quality work can be achieved with high productivity. Common defects associated with drywall internal partition and their corresponding remedies are highlighted. With the tight manpower constraints faced by the industry, drywall construction is a highly practical option.

This guide is not meant to be a definitive textbook on how drywall must be designed and installed, nor is it the final word on quality, as there will always be new materials and methods with changing technology. To obtain more comprehensive information and guidance, readers should seek advice from professional designers and material suppliers. We gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the practitioners to this guide and trust that the industry will find this publication useful in its pursuit of quality excellence. We welcome any contributions from readers that may improve future editions of this guide.

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