HOW BS 7671 IS NUMBERED

WHAT DOES 411.3.3 ACTUALLY TELL YOU?

This is the single most useful thing to know about the book. The numbering is not sequential page-filler — every digit tells you where you are.

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1st digit = the Part · **2nd digit** = the Chapter · **3rd digit** = the Section · **digits after the point** = the regulation itself

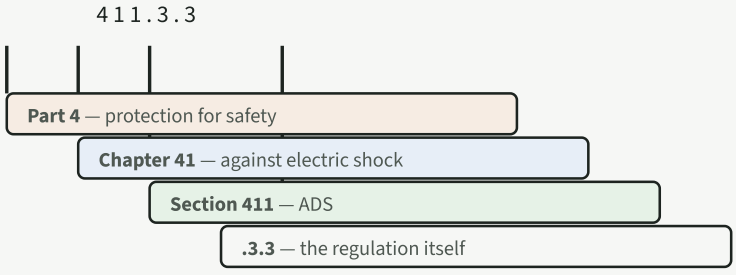
So **411.3.3** reads as: **Part 4** (protection for safety) → **Chapter 41** (protection against electric shock) → **Section 411** (automatic disconnection of supply) → regulation **3.3**, which happens to be additional requirements for socket outlets.

Try it now. Look up
411.3.3
in your book without using the contents page. If the numbering has landed, you'll be on the right page in a few seconds. That's the whole exam skill in one move.

A note of caution: the book itself says the numbering *"follows a pattern and corresponding reference to this standard"* and *"does not therefore necessarily follow sequentially"* — so don't expect every number in a range to exist.

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The single most useful thing here. Once you can read a number you can find anything in the book without the index.

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