WHICH BOOK IN WHICH EXAM

WHICH BOOK CAN YOU TAKE INTO WHICH EXAM?

Worth writing down, because it decides what you buy and what you practise with. **Every one of these theory exams is open book** — but each one allows a **different** book.

EXAM	BOOK YOU MAY TAKE IN
Building Regulations	The **Electrician's Guide to the Building Regulations**
18th Edition (this module)	**BS 7671** itself — your own clean copy
In-service inspection & testing (PAT)	The **Code of Practice**
Fundamental Inspection & Testing	**Guidance Note 3** only
Initial Verification	**Guidance Note 3** only
Periodic Inspection & Testing	**Guidance Note 3** only

✋ **The On-Site Guide is not allowed in any theory exam.** It's still worth owning, and for good reason — it's where the 80 % Zs values, the standard circuit tables and the diversity figures live, and you'll use it constantly on site and in later qualifications. You just can't take it into the exam room. Reference material *is* allowed in practical assessments.

WHICH EDITION OF BS 7671?

The exam is set against the **current edition**, **BS 7671:2018+A4:2026** — the orange book. Only the current edition is allowed in the exam room, so that's the one to buy and learn.

It's around £120–£130 from the usual suppliers, and student membership schemes sometimes discount it.

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