

# The history of the London District Surveyors Association



The LDSA was established more than 350 years ago by the Heads of Building Control teams across London. The association, which is still going strong today, gives Local Authority Building Control (LABC) managers in London the opportunity to work together to provide a first class service for clients.

The LDSA strives to:

- Develop and promote the building control profession by creating uniformity across the London region.
- Encourage training and continuing professional development across the London region.
- Gather and share information to LABC teams across the London region so that they can improve client services
- Guide the LABC London region with up to date, expert advice so they can adopt a unified and consistent approach to service delivery and interpretation of the regulations.
- Help teams deliver a customer focused service.

## The origins of the LDSA

1667	After the Great Fire of London in 1666, the London Building Act of 1667 was created. This was the first to provide for surveyors to enforce its regulations. This first Act applied only to the walled City of London.
1774	The London Building Act of 1774 decreed that all building work across the Cities of London and Westminster, Southwark and the parishes of St Mary-le-bon, Paddington, St Pancras and St Luke at Chelsea should be regulated by 'Statutory Surveyors'.
1884	In 1844 a new London Building Act introduced changes in procedure and administration and, as a result, the title of 'District Surveyor' was created.
1845	In January 1845, the District Surveyors Association (DSA) was established which enabled surveyors from in 'Inner London' to come together as a single organisation.
1965	In 1965 The Greater London Building Surveyors Association (GLBSA) was founded and this was made up of the Chief Building Surveyors in 'Outer London'.
1987	Following the introduction of the national Building Regulations to Inner London, the DSA and GLBSA merged in 1987 to become the London District Surveyors Association (LDSA).
2017	The LDSA meet every month as a team to address topics relevant to the LABC London Region. The LDSA now has a number of committees each focused on a different aspect of service delivery who respond to industry consultations and client needs.  Today's LDSA members create industry related publications; deliver events and training for clients; and provide advice, guidance and training to its members and their teams of professional surveyors and admin staff.

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