

# Garden room quote checklist

Fill in one column per company. Where a quote doesn't mention an item, mark it as a question to ask rather than assuming it is included. Add VAT where it is missing, then an allowance for anything left out, to reach the adjusted price. Benchmarks for insulation (targets for new houses): roof 0.11, walls 0.18, floor 0.13 W/m²K.

| Item              | What to look for                                            | Quote A | Quote B | Quote C |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Company           |                                                             |         |         |         |
| Price as quoted   | Including or excluding VAT?                                 |         |         |         |
| Size              | External footprint and internal height, the same in each    |         |         |         |
| Site survey       | Done before the quote, by someone who walked the garden     |         |         |         |
| Foundations       | Included? Which type, and chosen for the ground?            |         |         |         |
| Structure         | SIPs or timber frame; panel thickness or timber size        |         |         |         |
| Insulation        | U-values for roof, walls and floor, in writing              |         |         |         |
| Cladding          | Material, treatment, upkeep and expected life               |         |         |         |
| Doors and windows | Aluminium or uPVC; how many open; glazing spec              |         |         |         |
| Roof covering     | EPDM, steel panels or felt; guarantee on the covering       |         |         |         |
| Guttering         | Included? Water butt or soakaway?                           |         |         |         |
| Interior          | Boarded, panelled or plastered; flooring included?          |         |         |         |
| Electrics inside  | Number of sockets and lights; outside socket; consumer unit |         |         |         |
| Data cabling      | Included, or priced as an extra?                            |         |         |         |
| Heating           | Included? What type?                                        |         |         |         |

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| <b>Power from the house</b>   | Included? How many metres does the price allow?                                                |         |         |         |
| <b>Electrical certificate</b> | Who certifies and notifies the work?                                                           |         |         |         |
| <b>Delivery and access</b>    | Mileage charge, crane, hand-carry, parking                                                     |         |         |         |
| <b>Spoil and the garden</b>   | Removal, skip, reinstating lawn or paving                                                      |         |         |         |
| <b>Planning</b>               | Within Permitted Development? Who handles an application or LDC?                               |         |         |         |
| <b>Building Regulations</b>   | Needed? Who applies, and are the fees included?                                                |         |         |         |
| <b>Lead time</b>              | Weeks from order to installation; days on site                                                 |         |         |         |
| <b>Payment schedule</b>       | Deposit, stage payments, final balance on completion                                           |         |         |         |
| <b>Deposit protection</b>     | Insured? Refundable if planning is refused?                                                    |         |         |         |
| <b>Guarantee</b>              | Length, what it covers, insurance-backed?                                                      |         |         |         |
| <b>Adjusted price</b>         | Quote plus everything it leaves out                                                            |         |         |         |
| <b>Your score out of 10</b>   | How well they listened, the design, the specification, the scope, the guarantee, the timescale |         |         |         |