
**GEOGUIDE 5
Guide to Slope Maintenance**

This announces the publication of the second edition of GEOGUIDE 5 (Guide to Slope Maintenance) by the Geotechnical Engineering Office (GEO) in 1998 which is available from the Government Publications Sales Centre.

2. Regular inspections and maintenance are essential to the continued stability of slopes and retaining walls. The GEOGUIDE 5 recommends standards of good practice for the maintenance of man-made slopes and retaining walls, also man-made features (eg surface cover and drains) provided to natural hillsides. The standards recommended should be adopted when specifying maintenance requirements in site formation submissions in pursuance of Building (Administration) Regulation 8(1)(bb)(E).

3. The GEOGUIDE 5 recommends that the designer of a slope or retaining wall should prepare a Maintenance Manual, to assist the owner(s) or parties required to maintain the land in understanding the maintenance requirements. It should include the information listed in Chapter 2 of GEOGUIDE 5. The requirement for submitting the Maintenance Manual at the certificate for completion (Form BA 14) stage should be specified in the site formation submission.

4. The Maintenance Manual should be submitted in duplicate together with the Form BA 14. Upon acknowledgement by the Building Authority, a copy of the Maintenance Manual will be returned to the authorized persons/registered structural engineers for onward transmission to the owner(s) or the parties for future maintenance of the development.

5. The second edition of GEOGUIDE 5 clarifies that the scope of the Engineer Inspections for Maintenance should include a review of previous Stability Assessment.

6. An abridged version of the GEOGUIDE 5 (Layman's Guide to Slope Maintenance - Second Edition) may be obtained free from District Offices or by writing to Chief Geotechnical Engineer/Slope Safety of the GEO.

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