



Masonry Estimate Comparison Checklist

Line up two or three estimates. Tick each item the estimate covers in writing; ask about any blank.

What to check	What a complete estimate says	Estimate A	Estimate B	Estimate C
Scope in writing	Which walls or features, how much of each, and how they will be reached (ladder, scaffold, lift).			
Joint work	How deep failed mortar is cut out, with which tools, and whether the original joint profile is matched.			
Mortar	What mix is proposed and why it suits this brick or stone; whether a trial area comes first where color matters.			
Brick and stone	How replacement units are matched, and how hidden damage found during the work is priced.			
Protection and cleanup	Windows, roofs, plantings, paving and neighboring property; dust control while cutting; final cleanup.			
Weather and curing	How fresh work is protected from rain, hot sun and freezing while it cures.			
Permits and historic review	Who applies, whether fees are included, and whether the property is in a historic district.			
Contractor registration	New Jersey Home Improvement Contractor registration number on the contract.			
Insurance	Certificate of liability insurance attached to the			

	contract.			
Contract terms	Total price, start and completion dates, payment schedule, and the three-business-day right to cancel for contracts over \$500.			

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