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##### **Peninsular Malaysia**

The Building Material Cost Index (BCI) (without steel bars) in region A-Northern, B-Perak, C-Central, D-Johor and E-Pahang for all categories of building increased between 0.1 and 1.0 per cent in December 2018. In contrast, the BCI in region F-Eastern decreased between 0.1 and 0.2 per cent except for Timber building and Timber piling, increased between 1.0 and 1.2 per cent respectively as compared to the previous month.

The BCI (with steel bars) in region D-Johor and E-Pahang increased between 0.1 and 1.0 per cent in December 2018. In contrast, the BCI in region A-Northern, B-Perak, C-Central and F-Eastern showed decreases except for Timber building and Timber piling, increased between 0.9 and 1.0 per cent respectively as compared to the previous month.

The changes in unit price indices of building materials by regions in Peninsular Malaysia are shown in Table 1.

**Table 1: Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Peninsular Malaysia**  
**(Changes in index points compared to the previous month)**

<b>Building materials</b>	<b>*Region</b>	<b>Index point changes (Dec 2018 / Nov 2018)</b>
<b>Cement</b>	A - Northern	0.1
	F - Eastern	-0.7
<b>Steel</b>	A - Northern	-0.8
	B - Perak	-1.7
	C - Central	-0.5
	E - Pahang	-0.6
<b>Bricks &amp; wall</b>	B - Perak	0.7
	F - Eastern	-0.1
<b>Timber</b>	All regions	0.9
<b>Roofing materials</b>	E - Pahang	1.2
	F - Eastern	-0.3
<b>Steel &amp; metal sections</b>	B - Perak	-1.5
	C - Central	0.5
<b>Plumbing materials</b>	B - Perak	0.1
	C - Central	0.1
	F - Eastern	0.4
<b>Sanitary fittings</b>	A - Northern	0.7
<b>Glass</b>	A - Northern	0.7
	F - Eastern	1.3
<b>Paints</b>	A - Northern	0.2
	B - Perak	1.7
	C - Central	0.1
	F - Eastern	0.5

## Sabah

The BCI (without steel bars and with steel bars) for almost all categories of building in all regions increased between 0.1 and 1.0 per cent in December 2018 as compared to the previous month.

The changes in unit price indices of building materials by region in Sabah are shown in Table 2.

**Table 2: Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Sabah  
(Changes in index points compared to the previous month)**

Building materials	Region	Index point changes (Dec 2018 / Nov 2018)
Bricks & wall	Kota Kinabalu	0.4
Timber	Semua kawasan	0.9
Steel & metal sections	Kota Kinabalu	0.1
Plumbing materials	Tawau	0.5
Paints	Tawau	0.4
Ready mix concrete	Kota Kinabalu	1.3

## Sarawak

The BCI (without steel bars and with steel bars) for all categories of building in Kuching increased between 0.1 and 0.4 per cent in December 2018 as compared to the previous month. Meanwhile, the BCI in Sibü and Miri remained unchanged as compared to the previous month.

The changes in unit price indices of building materials by region in Sarawak are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3: Changes in unit price index for building materials by region in Sarawak  
(Changes in index points compared to the previous month)**

Building materials	Region	Index point changes (Dis 2018 / Nov 2018)
Steel	Kuching	0.2
Steel & metal sections	Kuching	1.1
Glass	Sibu	1.4

## Notes:

R.C. = Reinforced Concrete

\*Region:

A = Pulau Pinang, Kedah and Perlis

B = Perak

C = Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan and Selangor




D = Johor

E = Pahang

F = Kelantan and Terengganu

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