

## 60-year service life

A study published in 2012 by Dr Gillian F. Menzies of the Institute for Building and Urban Design, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh showed that:

- Timber frames made to Wood Window Alliance standards have an expected service life of between 56 and 65 years
- Acetylated timber (Accoya) frames have an expected service life of 68-80 years
- Timber frames clad with profiled aluminium have an expected service life of 71-83 years
- A typical PVC-U window frame has an expected service life of 30 years



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