

Competencies

Building Inspector – Unlimited

Scope of work

Building Inspectors – Unlimited assist building surveyors, builders, contractors and owners by ensuring that construction projects meet building regulations and codes of practice. They review approved documentation and make on-site inspections during building work, checking that proper methods and materials are used. Inspection results are reported to the Building Surveyor. Building Inspectors need to be effective communicators with good conflict management skills. They are permitted to inspect all classes and components of buildings, and all varieties and types of construction.

Assessment

Further to an application for registration being lodged, and prior to registration being approved, an applicant may need to be assessed by a board member/industry expert or qualified workplace assessor/industry expert. The Board will determine whether an assessment takes place at the Building Commission or on-site. The assessment may include the following:

- an interview, involving questions and answers
- the tabling of documentation, including
 - a site plan or drawing, site induction plan etc.
 - a business plan or financial plan etc.
- an on-site assessment, involving a visit to a current work site.

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The applicant should provide evidence demonstrating knowledge and skill in the following competencies:

Work practice

Knowledge of and ability to:

- assess the construction of buildings
- evaluate materials for construction of buildings
- review and interpret working drawings for buildings
- apply legislation to urban development and building controls
- apply footing and geomechanical design principles to all classes of buildings
- assess construction faults in buildings
- undertake site surveys and set out procedures for building projects
- apply building control legislation to building surveying
- assess the impact of fire on building materials
- interact with clients in a regulated environment
- apply building codes and standards to all classes of buildings
- assess timber-framed designs for one and two storey buildings
- apply principles of energy efficient design to buildings
- apply building surveying procedures for buildings
- assess structural requirements for all classes of buildings.

Construction technology

Knowledge of and ability to apply the following:

- construction terms
- construction methods
- local council requirements
- Building Code of Australia (BCA) 2005
- relevant Australian Standards
- Victorian Building Commission's *Standards and Tolerances*
- Victorian Building Commission's *Essential Services Maintenance Manual*.

Professional practice

Knowledge of:

- business planning
- financial planning
- business taxes
- communications practice
- organisational skills
- conflict resolution
- problem solving
- human resource management
- occupational health and safety
- insurances
 - professional practice
 - employees
- information technology
- quality assurance systems
- self-development principles.

Ability to:

- manage business document design and development
- maintain business technology
- utilise specialist communication skills
- develop, implement and promote effective communication
- operate a personal computer
- operate a word processing application
- operate a spreadsheet application
- operate a database application
- send and retrieve information over the internet using browsers and email.

Legislation

Knowledge of and ability to apply the following legislation:

- *Building Act 1993*
- Building (Interim) Regulations 2005
- *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004*
- Domestic Building Contracts and Tribunal (General) Regulation 1996.

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