



New Building Amendment Regulations 2009

This Fact Sheet provides information about the amendments.

1. A two-tiered registration system for building surveyors

Availability of qualified building surveyors is an issue in Victoria, particularly in regional areas. The amendments provide for a two-tiered registration system for a building surveyor to be registered:

- A Building Surveyor Unlimited has an unrestricted scope of work and possesses a degree in building surveying and three years practical experience to the satisfaction of the Board*.
- A Building Surveyor Limited has a restricted scope of work (able to certify buildings up to three storeys and with a maximum floor area of 2000m²) and possesses an Advanced Diploma in Building Surveying and two years experience to the satisfaction of the Building Practitioners Board.

The new two-tiered system will boost Victorian building surveyor numbers, with the amendment helping to address skills shortages, particularly in regional Victoria.

All building surveyors registered at the time that the amendments take effect, will be automatically 'grandfathered' into the new unlimited class of registration.

2. Building surveying degree from a university

A person applying for registration as a building surveyor unlimited, may apply with a degree in building surveying from a university or institution approved and authorized under Part 4.3 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, to conduct an accredited course leading to a degree.

3. Registered Building Practitioners – Suspended or Cancelled by the BPB

Practitioners whose registration is suspended prior to a Building Practitioners Board (BPB) Inquiry must notify their clients using Form 7A.

Practitioners whose registration is suspended or cancelled as a decision of a Building Practitioner Board Inquiry must notify their clients using Form 8.

4. New applicants for registration

New applicants are required to provide the Building Practitioners Board with additional information to assist the Board to determine the applicant's good character.

5. New prescribed qualification for a Draftsperson BD (Architectural)

Applicants seeking registration as a Draftsperson Building Design (Architectural) must hold the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) qualification. Transitional arrangements provided where an individual holds the previous qualification, but not yet applied for registration.

6. New licence requirements for Erectors or Supervisor of Temporary Structures Class 1

Applicants seeking registration as an Erector or Supervisor of Temporary Structures class 1 must possess the Intermediate Scaffolding Licence as per the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007. Transitional arrangements provided where an individual has completed the Intermediate Scaffolding Certificate but not yet applied for registration.

7. Quantity surveying degree from a university

A person applying for registration as a quantity surveyor, may apply with a degree in quantity surveying from a university or institution approved and authorized under Part 4.3 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, to conduct an accredited course leading to a degree.

Where to go for information

A copy of the *Building Amendment Regulations 2009* can be viewed at www.legislation.vic.gov.au

You can also contact the Building Commission on 1300 360 380.

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