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Revocation of Determinations and Determinations Relating to Building Practitioners

I, Robyn Patricia Cahill, Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations:

- (a) under section 24G of the *Building Act 1993* (the **Act**) and with reference to section 43 of the *Interpretation Act 1978*, revoke all determinations in force immediately before the day this instrument is published in the *Gazette*; and
- (b) under section 24G(a) of the Act, determine that the qualifications and experience for registration as a building practitioner in a category of building practitioner are as specified in Schedule 1; and

- (c) under section 24G(c) of the Act, determine that, for a category of building practitioner specified in Schedule 2, the type of insurance policy is professional indemnity insurance and the amount of insurance to be provided under the policy is \$1 000 000.

R. P. CAHILL
Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations

Dated 18 September 2026

Note

Regulation 40 of the Building Regulations 1993 prescribes a condition under which certain categories of building practitioner are required to hold the insurance determined under paragraph (c).

Schedule 1 Qualifications and experience for registration as building practitioner

Part 1 Interpretation

1 Definitions

- (1) In this Schedule:

Building Code means the Building Code as defined in regulation 2(1) of the Regulations.

NER means the National Engineering Register.

Regulations means the *Building Regulations 1993*.

significant and complex building work means significant and complex building work as defined in regulation 15AB of the Regulations.

- (2) A reference in this Schedule to a building as a building of a particular Class is a reference to a building of that Class as specified under the classification in Part A6 of the Building Code.

Part 2 Requirements for registration

2 Building contractor residential (restricted)

The qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building contractor residential (restricted) are:

(a) one of the following:

(i) a Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building) CPC40120 with successful completion of the following units:

(A) each of the following core units:

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| CPCCBBC4001 | Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 1 and 10 Buildings |
| CPCCBBC4002 | Manage work health and safety in the building and construction workplace |
| CPCCBBC4007 | Plan building or construction work |
| CPCCBBC4008 | Supervise site communication and administration processes for building and construction projects |
| CPCCBBC4009 | Apply legal requirements to building and construction projects |
| CPCCBBC4010 | Apply structural principles to residential and commercial constructions |
| CPCCBBC4012 | Read and interpret plans and specifications |
| CPCCBBC4014 | Prepare simple building sketches and drawings |
| CPCCBBC4018 | Apply site surveys and set-out procedures to building and construction projects |
| CPCCBBC4021 | Minimise waste on the building and construction site |
| CPCCBBC4053 | Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 2 to 9, Type C Buildings; |

(B) each of the following 6 Building elective units:

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| BSBPMG422 | Apply project quality management techniques |
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| CPCCBC4003 | Select, prepare and administer a construction contract |
| CPCCBC4004 | Identify and produce estimated costs for building and construction projects |
| CPCCBC4005 | Produce labour and material schedules for ordering |
| CPCCBC4006 | Select, procure and store construction materials for building and construction projects |
| CPCSUS4002 | Use building science principles to construct energy efficient buildings; |
- (C) any 2 of the following general elective units:
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| CPCCCO4001 | Supervise concreting work |
| CPCCBC4013 | Prepare and evaluate tender documentation |
| CPCCBC4017 | Arrange resources and prepare for the building and construction project |
| CPCCBC4052 | Lead and manage teams in the building and construction industry |
| BSBLDR413 | Lead effective workplace relationships |
| BSBPMG430 | Undertake project work |
| BSBPMG426 | Apply project risk management techniques |
| BSBESB402 | Establish legal and risk management requirements of new business ventures |
| BSBESB406 | Establish operational strategies and procedures for new business ventures |
| BSBESB407 | Manage finances for new business ventures |
| BSBWRT411 | Write complex documents |
| BSBPEF501 | Manage personal and professional development |
| CPCCBC4015 | Prepare specifications for all construction works |

CPCCBC4019	Apply sustainable building design principles to water management systems
CPCCBC4020	Build thermally efficient and sustainable structures
CPCCBC4022	Supervise tilt-up work
CPCCBC4024	Resolve business disputes
CPCCBC4026	Arrange building applications and approvals
CPCCBC4028	Prepare design brief for construction works
CPCCBC5019	Manage building and construction business finances
CPCSUS4001	Implement and monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
CPCSUS4003	Maximise energy efficiency through applied trade skills; or

- (ii) the successful completion of a course, or units of a course, that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is at least equivalent to the qualification mentioned in subparagraph (i); and
- (b) one of the following:
 - (i) at least 3 years practical experience, gained within 10 years before applying for registration, at least one year of which has been gained in the Territory, in carrying out building work specified in regulation 41B of the Regulations; or
 - (ii) practical experience that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is equivalent to the experience mentioned in subparagraph (i), at least one year of which has been gained in the Territory.

3 Building contractor residential (unrestricted)

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), the qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building contractor residential (unrestricted) are:
 - (a) the qualifications mentioned in clause 2(a); and

- (b) one of the following:
 - (i) at least 3 years practical experience, gained within 10 years before applying for registration, at least one year of which has been gained in the Territory, in carrying out building work specified in regulation 41C of the Regulations; or
 - (ii) practical experience that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is equivalent to the experience mentioned in subparagraph (i), at least one year of which has been gained in the Territory; and
 - (c) experience that demonstrates a comprehensive working knowledge and understanding of the regulatory and technical issues associated with the construction of buildings of more than 2 storeys, including the relevant requirements of the Building Code.
- (2) If, at the time of making an application for registration in the category of building contractor residential (unrestricted), an applicant is registered as a building contractor residential (restricted), the qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building contractor residential (unrestricted) are:
- (a) the qualifications and experience required under subclause (1); or
 - (b) the following:
 - (i) the qualifications, if any, that were required for registration in the category of building contractor residential (restricted) when the applicant was first registered in that category; and
 - (ii) substantial personal involvement in, and responsibility for, the design and construction of at least one building, under the supervision of a registered building contractor residential (unrestricted):
 - (A) that involved carrying out building work specified in regulation 41C of the Regulations; and
 - (B) for which an occupancy permit has been granted; and
 - (C) in circumstances where no more than one other person had an equal or greater level of personal involvement in, and responsibility for, the design and construction of the building; and

- (iii) experience that demonstrates a comprehensive working knowledge and understanding of the regulatory and technical issues associated with the construction of buildings of more than 2 storeys, including the relevant requirements of the Building Code.

4 Building contractor commercial (restricted)

- (1) The qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (restricted) are:
 - (a) the qualifications mentioned in clause 2(a); and
 - (b) one of the following:
 - (i) at least 3 years practical experience, gained within 15 years before applying for registration, at least one year of which is gained in the Territory, in carrying out building work specified in regulation 41CA of the Regulations; or
 - (ii) practical experience that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is equivalent to the experience mentioned in subparagraph (i), at least one year of which is gained in the Territory; and
 - (c) subject to subclause (2), practical experience in carrying out significant and complex building work.

Note for subclause (1)

Since 15 April 2025, a person carrying out building work specified in regulation 41CA of the Regulations must be:

- (a) a building contractor registered to carry out that work; or*
 - (b) supervised by a building contractor registered to carry out that work in accordance with section 48A(1)(a) of the Act.*
- (2) The experience mentioned in subclause (1)(c) is not required for registration that is subject to a condition restricting the building practitioner from carrying out significant and complex building work.

5 Building contractor commercial (unrestricted)

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), the qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (unrestricted) are:
 - (a) one of the following:
 - (i) a Diploma of Building and Construction (Building) CPC50220 with the successful completion of the following units:

(A) each of the following core units:

CPCCBC4001	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 1 and 10 Buildings
CPCCBC4008	Supervise site communication and administration processes for building and construction projects
CPCCBC4009	Apply legal requirements to building and construction projects
CPCCBC4010	Apply structural principles to residential and commercial constructions
CPCCBC4012	Read and interpret plans and specifications
CPCCBC4014	Prepare simple building sketches and drawings
CPCCBC4018	Apply site surveys and set-out procedures to building and construction projects
CPCCBC4053	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 2 to 9, Type C Buildings
BSBOPS504	Manage risk
BSBWHS513	Lead WHS risk management
CPCCBC4003	Select, prepare and administer a construction contract
CPCCBC4004	Identify and produce estimated costs for building and construction projects
CPCCBC4005	Produce labour and material schedules for ordering
CPCCBC4013	Prepare and evaluate tender documentation
CPCCBC5001	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Type B construction
CPCCBC5002	Monitor costing systems on complex building and construction projects
CPCCBC5003	Supervise the planning of onsite building and construction work
CPCCBC5005	Select and manage building and

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| | construction contractors |
| CPCCBC5007 | Administer the legal obligations of a building and construction contractor |
| CPCCBC5010 | Manage construction work |
| CPCCBC5011 | Manage environmental management practices and processes in building and construction |
| CPCCBC5013 | Manage professional technical and legal reports on building and construction projects |
| CPCCBC5018 | Apply structural principles to the construction of buildings up to 3 storeys |
| CPCCBC5019 | Manage building and construction business finances; and |
- (B) any 3 of the following elective units:
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| BSBPMG532 | Manage project quality |
| BSBPMG538 | Manage project stakeholder engagement |
| CPCCBC4052 | Lead and manage teams in the building and construction industry |
| CPCCBC5004 | Supervise and apply quality standards to the selection of building and construction materials |
| CPCCBC5006 | Apply site surveys and set-out procedures to building projects up to three storeys |
| CPCCBC5009 | Identify services layout and connection methods for Type C and B construction |
| CPCCBC5012 | Manage the application and monitoring of energy conservation and management practices and processes |
| CPCCBC6001 | Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for large building projects |
| CPCCDE5001 | Conduct air monitoring and clearance inspections for asbestos removal work |
| CPCSUS5001 | Develop workplace policies and |

	procedures for sustainability
CPCSUS5002	Develop action plans to retrofit existing buildings for energy efficiency
CPCSUS5003	Manage energy efficient building methods and strategies
PPDSM5022A	Implement asset management plan; or

- (ii) the successful completion of a course, or units of a course, that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is at least equivalent to the qualification mentioned in subparagraph (i); and
- (b) one of the following:
 - (i) at least 3 years practical experience, gained within 15 years before applying for registration, at least one year of which is gained in the Territory, in carrying out building work specified in regulation 41CB of the Regulations; or
 - (ii) practical experience that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is equivalent to the experience mentioned in subparagraph (i), at least one year of which is gained in the Territory; and
- (c) experience that demonstrates a comprehensive working knowledge and understanding of the regulatory and technical issues associated with the construction of buildings of more than 3 storeys, including the relevant requirements of the Building Code.

Note for subclause (1)

Since 15 April 2025, a person carrying out building work specified in regulation 41CB of the Regulations must be:

- (a) a building contractor registered to carry out that work; or
 - (b) supervised by a building contractor registered to carry out that work in accordance with section 48A(1)(a) of the Act.
- (2) If, at the time of making an application for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (unrestricted), an applicant is registered as a building contractor commercial (restricted), the qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (unrestricted) are:
- (a) the qualifications and experience required under subclause (1); or

- (b) the qualifications required under subclause (1)(a) and the following:
 - (i) substantial personal involvement in, and responsibility for, the design and construction of at least one building, under the supervision of a registered building contractor commercial (unrestricted):
 - (A) that involved carrying out building work specified in regulation 41CB of the Regulations; and
 - (B) for which an occupancy permit has been granted; and
 - (C) in circumstances where no more than one other person had an equal or greater level of personal involvement in, and responsibility for, the design and construction of the building; and
 - (ii) experience that demonstrates a comprehensive working knowledge and understanding of the regulatory and technical issues associated with the construction of buildings of more than 3 storeys, including the relevant requirements of the Building Code.

6 Building certifier (residential)

The qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building certifier (residential) are:

- (a) the qualifications required for accreditation as a building surveyor by the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors; and
- (b) at least 3 years post-graduate practical experience in building surveying of buildings of Classes 1 and 10.

7 Building certifier (unrestricted)

The qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of building certifier (unrestricted) are:

- (a) the qualifications required for accreditation as a building surveyor by the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors; and
- (b) at least 4 years post-graduate practical experience in building surveying of buildings of Classes 1 to 10.

8 Certifying architect

The qualifications and experience required for registration as a certifying architect are:

- (a) registration as an architect under the *Architects Act 1963*; and

- (b) at least 4 years practical experience in practising architecture.

9 Certifying plumber and drainer

The qualification required for registration as a certifying plumber and drainer is a licence as an advanced tradesman in the trades of plumbing and draining issued under the *Plumbers and Drainers Licensing Act 1983*.

10 Certifying plumber and drainer (design)

The experience required for registration in the category of certifying plumber and drainer (design) is at least 5 years practical experience in the design of plumbing and drainage systems and on-site sewage disposal systems.

11 Certifying engineer (structural)

The qualifications or experience required for registration in the category of certifying engineer (structural) are:

- (a) registration as a certifying engineer (structural) on the NER; or
- (b) both of the following:
 - (i) the qualifications required for membership of Engineers Australia as a professional engineer eligible to use the post-nominals "MIEAust";
 - (ii) at least 5 years post-graduate practical experience in the design and supervision of the construction of structural engineering works for buildings, including:
 - (A) at least 12 months practical experience in the design of structural engineering works for buildings; and
 - (B) at least 12 months practical experience in the supervision of the construction of structural engineering works for buildings.

12 Certifying engineer (hydraulic)

The qualifications and experience required for registration in the category of certifying engineer (hydraulic) are:

- (a) the qualifications required for membership of Engineers Australia as a professional engineer eligible to use the post-nominals "MIEAust"; and
- (b) at least 5 years post-graduate practical experience in the design and supervision of the construction of building hydraulic services, including:

- (i) at least 12 months practical experience in the design of building hydraulic services; and
- (ii) at least 12 months practical experience in the supervision of the construction of building hydraulic services.

13 Certifying engineer (mechanical)

The qualifications or experience required for registration in the category of certifying engineer (mechanical) are:

- (a) registration as a certifying engineer (mechanical) on the NER; or
- (b) both of the following:
 - (i) the qualifications required for membership of Engineers Australia as a professional engineer eligible to use the post-nominals "MIEAust";
 - (ii) at least 5 years post-graduate practical experience in the design and supervision of the construction of mechanical services in buildings, including:
 - (A) at least 12 months practical experience in the design of mechanical services in buildings; and
 - (B) at least 12 months practical experience in the supervision of the construction of mechanical services in buildings.

Part 3 Requirements for renewal

14 Renewal of registration

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), the qualifications and experience required for renewal of registration in a category of building practitioner are:
 - (a) the qualifications, if any, that the applicant was required to hold when the applicant was first registered in the category; and
 - (b) experience, gained within 5 years before the date of renewal, in carrying out building work permitted to be carried out under the registration.
- (2) Subclause (1)(b) does not apply to a person if:
 - (a) the employer of the person requires the person to be registered in the category of building practitioner; but

(b) the person is not employed or engaged to carry out building work.

Example for subclause (2)

A university lecturer who is teaching only and is not engaged in carrying out building work, but is required by their employer to maintain their registration.

Part 4 Transitional matters

15 Applications made before Gazettal

An application for registration or renewal of registration as a building practitioner that was made, but not determined, before the day this instrument is published in the *Gazette* is to be determined in accordance with the determination under section 24G(a) of the Act that was in force at the time the application was made.

Schedule 2 Categories of building practitioner for paragraph (c)

Building certifier (residential)

Building certifier (unrestricted)

Certifying architect

Certifying plumber and drainer (design)

Certifying engineer (structural)

Certifying engineer (hydraulic)

Certifying engineer (mechanical)