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*Building Act 1993*

## Revocation of Determinations and Determinations Relating to Building Practitioners

I, Robyn Patricia Cahill, Minister for Trade, Business and Asian Relations, with effect commencing on 15 April 2025:

- (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 takes effect; 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 11 April 2025

*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:

CPCCB4001      Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 1 and 10 Buildings

CPCCB4002      Manage work health and safety in the building and construction workplace

CPCCB4007      Plan building or construction work

- CPCCB4008 Supervise site communication and administration processes for building and construction projects
  - CPCCB4009 Apply legal requirements to building and construction projects
  - CPCCB4010 Apply structural principles to residential and commercial constructions
  - CPCCB4012 Read and interpret plans and specifications
  - CPCCB4014 Prepare simple building sketches and drawings
  - CPCCB4018 Apply site surveys and set-out procedures to building and construction projects
  - CPCCB4021 Minimise waste on the building and construction site
  - CPCCB4053 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:
- BSBPMG422 Apply project quality management techniques
  - CPCCB4003 Select, prepare and administer a construction contract
  - CPCCB4004 Identify and produce estimated costs for building and construction projects
  - CPCCB4005 Produce labour and material schedules for ordering
  - CPCCB4006 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:

CPCCCO4001 Supervise concreting work

CPCCCBC4013 Prepare and evaluate tender documentation

CPCCCBC4017 Arrange resources and prepare for the building and construction project

CPCCCBC4052 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

CPCCCBC4015 Prepare specifications for all construction works

CPCCBBC4019	Apply sustainable building design principles to water management systems
CPCCBBC4020	Build thermally efficient and sustainable structures
CPCCBBC4022	Supervise tilt-up work
CPCCBBC4024	Resolve business disputes
CPCCBBC4026	Arrange building applications and approvals
CPCCBBC4028	Prepare design brief for construction works
CPCCBBC5019	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 post-graduate practical experience, gained within the last 10 years, 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 post-graduate practical experience, gained within the last 10 years, 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.
  
- (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 mentioned in subclause (1)(a) and (b); 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 experience required for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (restricted) is:
  - (a) one of the following:
    - (i) at least 3 years practical experience, gained within the last 15 years, 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
  - (b) subject to subclause (2), practical experience in carrying out significant and complex building work.
- (2) The experience mentioned in subclause (1)(b) 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 experience required for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (unrestricted) is:
  - (a) at least 3 years practical experience, gained within the last 15 years, at least one year of which is gained in the Territory, in carrying out building work specified in regulation 41CB of the Regulations; or
  - (b) practical experience that, in the opinion of the Building Practitioners Board, is equivalent to the experience mentioned in paragraph (a), at least one year of which is gained in the Territory.
- (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 experience required for registration in the category of building contractor commercial (unrestricted) is:
  - (a) the experience mentioned in subclause (1); or

- (b) 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**

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, during the current period of registration, in carrying out building work permitted to be carried out under the registration.

**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)

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