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STAIR TREAD REQUIREMENTS IN CLASS 1 BUILDINGS

The purpose of this building note is to advise of changes to the Northern Territory Building Regulations in relation to the application of stair tread requirements in Volume 2 section 3.9.1.3 *Stair construction* of the National Construction Code (NCC).

The 2014 volume of the NCC introduced a minimum slip-resistance requirement for stair tread surface and nosing strips (Section 3.9.1.3 (g) and Table 3.9.1.1).

In many instances manufacturers and suppliers are unable to provide a slip-resistance classification for stair tread finishes to enable building certifiers to assess compliance with section 3.9.1.3 (g).

In order to provide additional time for industry to transition to the new classification the Building Regulations have been amended whereby the 2014 stair tread requirements for class 1 buildings only will not apply until 1 May 2015. In the interim the 2013 edition of Volume 2 of the NCC will apply in relation to section 3.9.1.3 (g).

Attached is a copy of the Gazette Notice and the Building Regulation amendments for your records.



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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Subordinate Legislation No. [27] of 2014*

Building Amendment Regulations 2014

I, Sally Gordon Thomas, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Building Act*.

Dated

1 SEP 2014

Sally Thomas
Administrator

By Her Honour's Command

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Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment

* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on [] 2014.

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1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the *Building Amendment Regulations 2014*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on 2 September 2014.

3 Regulations amended

These Regulations amend the *Building Regulations*.

4 Regulation 4AA inserted

After regulation 4

insert

4AA Disapplication of stair tread requirements

- (1) This regulation applies in relation to the requirements in 3.9.1.3(g) and Table 3.9.1.1 of Volume Two of the Building Code, to the extent that they require compliance with AS 4586.
- (2) Despite regulation 4, before 1 May 2015:
 - (a) the requirements do not apply to a Class 1 building; and
 - (b) 3.9.1.3(g) applies as though it read as follows:
 - (g) Treads must have a slip-resistant finish or a suitable non-skid strip near the edge of the nosings; and
 - (c) Table 3.9.1.1 does not apply.
- (3) This regulation expires on 1 May 2015.
- (4) In this regulation:

AS, followed by a designation, means the Australian Standard having that designation.

Australian Standard means a standard published by Standards Australia Limited ABN 85 087 326 690, as in force from time to time.

5 Expiry of Regulations

These Regulations expire on the day after they commence.