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ADOPTION OF BCA 2004

The Northern Territory via regulation 2 (1) under the *Building Act 1993* references the Building Code of Australia 1996 published by or on behalf of the ABCB as amended from time to time.

Since its adoption in 1996 the Building Code of Australia (BCA) has been amended twice each year with most states and territories adopting the BCA amendments on 1 July and 1 January each year.

The Australian Building Codes Board has now moved to an annual amendment cycle. The move to an annual amendment has provided the opportunity to move away from sequential amendment referencing to the production of the BCA as an annual soft cover publication with the BCA referencing the year of publication.

Hence from now on the BCA will be known as BCA 2004 Edition, BCA 2005 Edition etc.

To facilitate this change NT Building Regulation 2 (1) of the Building Regulations has been recently amended. These changes were notified in NT Government Gazette on 28 April 2004.

Hence Building Code of Australia BCA 2004 is adopted in the Northern Territory effective as of 1 May 2004.

If the transitional provision of Section 51(2) of the *Building Act 1993* is to be applied, the required building certifier's certification in writing is to be included with the Permit to Build documentation submitted to the Director and owner /owners agent.

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