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# **BUILDING ACT 1975**

[as amended by all amendments that commenced on or before 23 March 2000]

**An Act to authorise the making of standard laws about the erection of buildings and other structures, to provide for building certifying, and for other purposes**

## **PART 1—PRELIMINARY**

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Building Act 1975*.

### **Act binds all persons**

2.(1) This Act binds all persons, including the State, and, as far as the legislative power of the Parliament permits, the Commonwealth and the other States.

(2) Nothing in this Act makes the State liable to be prosecuted for an offence.

### **Definitions**

3.(1) In this Act—

“**accrediting auditor**” see section 36.

“**accrediting body**” means a body authorised under a regulation under section 28 to be an accrediting body for accrediting building certifiers.

“**approved form**” means a form approved under section 46.

“**assessment manager**” has the meaning given by the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 3.1.7.<sup>1</sup>

“**build**” includes—

- (a) starting or continuing to build; and
- (b) doing, or starting or continuing to do, work in the course of or for building; and
- (c) performing structural work or altering or adding to a building; and
- (d) moving a building from 1 position to a different position (whether on the same allotment, another allotment or partly on the same and partly on another allotment).

“**building**” means a fixed structure that is wholly or partly enclosed by walls and is roofed, and includes a floating building and any part of a building.

“**building certifier**” means an individual accredited as a building certifier by an accreditation body.

“**Building Code of Australia**” means the edition, current at the relevant time, of the Building Code of Australia (including the Queensland Appendix) published by the body known as the Australian Building Codes Board and includes the edition as amended from time to time by amendments published by the board.

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<sup>1</sup> *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 3.1.7 (Assessment manager)—

**3.1.7.(1)** The “**assessment manager**”, for an application, is—

- (a) if the development is wholly within a local government’s area—the local government, unless a different entity is prescribed under a regulation; or
- (b) if paragraph (a) does not apply—
  - (i) the entity prescribed under a regulation; or
  - (ii) if no entity has been prescribed—the entity decided by the Minister.

(2) However, instead of making a decision under subsection (1)(b)(ii), the Minister may decide that the application, for which a decision under subsection (1)(b)(ii) would normally be made, be split into 2 or more applications.

(3) The assessment manager administers the application.

**“building work”** has the meaning given by the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 1.3.5.<sup>2</sup>

**“complaint”** means a complaint about a building certifier made under part 5.

**“court”** means the Planning and Environment Court.

**“disciplinary finding”** means a finding of professional misconduct.

**“dividing fence”** has the meaning given by the *Dividing Fences Act 1953*.

**“enforcement notice”** see section 22(1).

**“indoor swimming pool”** means a swimming pool—

- (a) wholly enclosed by the walls of a building; or
- (b) on a building.

**“local government”** means the local government for the local government area where the building work or other work is proposed.

**“outdoor swimming pool”** means a swimming pool other than an indoor swimming pool.

**“owner”**, of a building or structure, means—

- (a) if the building or structure is subject to the *Integrated Resort Development Act 1987* or the *Sanctuary Cove Resort Act 1985*—
  - (i) for a single lot in the building or structure—the registered proprietor; or
  - (ii) for 2 or more lots in the building or structure—the primary thoroughfare body corporate; or

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<sup>2</sup> *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 1.3.5 (Definitions for terms used in “development”)—

**“building work”** means—

- (a) building, repairing, altering, underpinning (whether by vertical or lateral support), moving or demolishing a building or other structure; or
- (b) excavating or filling—
  - (i) for, or incidental to, the activities mentioned in paragraph (a); or
  - (ii) that may adversely affect the stability of a building or other structure, whether on the land on which the building or other structure is situated or on adjoining land; or
- (c) supporting (whether vertically or laterally) land for activities mentioned in paragraph (a).

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- (b) if the building or structure is subject to the *Mixed Use Development Act 1993*—
  - (i) for a single lot in the building or structure—the registered proprietor; or
  - (ii) for 2 or more lots in the building or structure—the community body corporate; or
- (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b), if the building or structure is subject to the *Building Units and Group Titles Act 1980*—
  - (i) for a single lot in the building or structure—the registered proprietor; or
  - (ii) for 2 or more lots in the building or structure—the body corporate; or
- (d) if the building or structure is, under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*, on scheme land for a single community titles scheme—
  - (i) for a single lot in the building or structure—the registered proprietor; or
  - (ii) for 2 or more lots in the building or structure—the body corporate for the scheme; or
- (e) if the building or structure is, under the *Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997*, on scheme land for 2 or more community titles schemes—
  - (i) for a single lot in the building or structure—the registered proprietor; or
  - (ii) for 2 or more lots in the building or structure—the body corporate for the community titles scheme that is a principal scheme; or
- (f) if the building or structure is part of a time-sharing scheme and the name and address of a person has been notified under the *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1124<sup>3</sup>—the person; or

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<sup>3</sup> *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1124 (Notice of time share scheme to local government)

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- (g) if the building or structure is on land being bought from the State for an estate in fee simple under the *Land Act 1994*—the buyer; or
- (h) if the building or structure is on land granted in trust or reserved and set apart and placed under the control of trustees under the *Land Act 1994*—the trustees of the land; or
- (i) if paragraphs (a) to (h) do not apply—the person for the time being entitled to receive the rent for the building or structure or would be entitled to receive the rent for the building or structure if the building or structure were let to a tenant at a rent.

**“portable wading pool”** means a pool that—

- (a) is capable of being filled with water to a depth of no more than 450 mm; and
- (b) has a volume of no more than 2 000 L; and
- (c) has no filtration system.

**“private certifier”** has the meaning given by the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 5.3.3.<sup>4</sup>

**“professional misconduct”** includes conduct (whether by act or omission) when a building certifier—

- (a) seeks, accepts or agrees to accept a benefit, whether for the benefit of the building certifier or another person, as a reward or inducement to act other than—
  - (i) under this Act; or
  - (ii) under another Act regulating building certifiers, including private certifiers for building work; or
- (b) acts in a way contrary to a duty—
  - (i) under this Act; or

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<sup>4</sup> *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 5.3.3(1) (What is a private certifier)—

A **“private certifier”** is an individual who—

- (a) has the qualifications, necessary experience or accreditation prescribed under a regulation under this or another Act for a certifier for a stated code; and
- (b) undertakes work by contractual arrangements with clients, either as an individual or through an entity employing the individual.

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- (ii) stated in another Act for building certifiers, including private certifiers for building work; or
- (c) falsely claims the building certifier has the qualifications, necessary experience or accreditation to be engaged as a building certifier; or
- (d) acts outside the scope of the building certifier's powers; or
- (e) acts beyond the scope of the building certifier's competence; or
- (f) contravenes a code of conduct published by an accrediting body; or
- (g) acts negligently or incompetently in relation to the certifier's practice.

**“residential land”** means land on which a class 1 or 2 building, under the Standard Building Regulation, is constructed, or is to be constructed, and includes land—

- (a) adjacent to the land; and
- (b) in the same ownership as the land; and
- (c) used in association with the land.

**“revocation notice”** see section 16(3).

**“show cause notice”** see section 21.

**“Standard Building Regulation”** means the regulation made under section 4(1).

**“structure”** includes a wall or fence and anything fixed to or projecting from a building, wall, fence or other structure.

**“swimming pool”** means an excavation or structure—

- (a) capable of being filled with water to a depth of 300 mm or more; and
- (b) capable of being used for swimming, bathing, wading, paddling or some other human aquatic activity; and
- (c) solely or principally used, or designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used, for the purposes mentioned in paragraph (b) despite its current use;

and includes a spa pool, spa tub or similar thing (whether portable or fixed) and a wading pool (other than a portable wading pool), but does not include—

- (d) a fish pond or pool solely or principally used, or designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used, for ornamental purposes; or
- (e) a dam or tank solely or principally used, or designed, manufactured or adapted to be solely or principally used, for aquaculture, marine research or storage of water; or
- (f) a watercourse; or
- (g) a portable wading pool.

**“tourist resort complex”** means a complex that operates as a single integrated facility providing all, or substantially all, the recreational and personal needs of guests resident at the complex and visitors at the complex.

**“tribunal”** means a building and development tribunal established under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 4.2.1.5

**“watercourse”** means—

- (a) a canal, creek, river or stream in which water flows permanently or intermittently; or
- (b) an ocean, a lake or other collection of water (whether permanent or intermittent).

**“young child”** means a child under the age of 5 years.

(2) In this Act, a reference to building work is a reference to the aspect of building work assessed under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* against this Act.

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<sup>5</sup> *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 4.2.1 (Establishing building and development tribunals)

## **PART 2—STANDARD BUILDING REGULATION**

### **Standard Building Regulation**

**4.(1)** A regulation (the “**Standard Building Regulation**”) made under this Act may be made about the following—

- (a) building work, the certification of building work and the occupation of buildings;
- (b) matters relating to the accrediting of building certifiers.

**(2)** In carrying out building work or in occupying a building a person must comply with the Standard Building Regulation even if a development permit given by an assessment manager is contrary to the Standard Building Regulation.

**(3)** In this section—

“**Standard Building Regulation**” includes any variation, exception or exemption to the Standard Building Regulation permitted by this Act.<sup>6</sup>

### **Variation of how Standard Building Regulation may apply**

**5.(1)** This section applies if building work is proposed to be carried out, is being carried out or has been carried out, and the building work will not, or does not, comply in all respects with the Standard Building Regulation.

**(2)** A person may apply to the chief executive to vary how the Standard Building Regulation applies to the building work.

**(3)** An application may not be made under this section if the Standard Building Regulation permits an assessment manager or private certifier to exercise discretion about the matter for which the variation is sought.

**(4)** The application must be made in the approved form and be accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.

**(5)** If the application is about building work proposed to be carried out and for which a development application has been made under the

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<sup>6</sup> Under the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 7, reference to the Act includes reference to the Standard Building Regulation.

*Integrated Planning Act 1997*, the IDAS process under that Act—

- (a) stops on the day the application is received by the chief executive; and
- (b) starts again the day the chief executive gives the applicant written notice under section 6(5).

### **Deciding application to vary how Standard Building Regulation will apply**

**6.(1)** If there is an assessment manager or a private certifier for the building work, the chief executive must consult with the assessment manager or the private certifier about the application before deciding it.

**(2)** The chief executive may consult with any other person about the application before deciding it.

**(3)** After considering the application, the chief executive must decide to—

- (a) vary how the Standard Building Regulation applies to the building work; or
- (b) refuse to vary how the Standard Building Regulation applies to the building work.

**(4)** The chief executive must decide the application within 20 business days after the application is made.

**(5)** The chief executive must, within 5 business days after deciding the application, give written notice of the decision to—

- (a) the applicant; and
- (b) if there is an assessment manager or private certifier for the building work—the assessment manager or private certifier.

**(6)** Subsection (1) does not apply to building work carried out by or on behalf of the State.

### **Fast-track decisions**

**7.(1)** The applicant, may, in the application, ask the chief executive to decide the application within 2 business days after making the application.

(2) A request made under subsection (1) must be accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.

(3) The chief executive may grant or refuse the request.

(4) If the chief executive grants the request, the chief executive may, as a condition of granting the request, require the applicant to pay any reasonable additional costs that would be incurred by the chief executive in deciding the application within the 2 business days.

### **Appeal from chief executive's decision**

**8.(1)** If the applicant is dissatisfied with the chief executive's decision, the applicant may appeal to a tribunal against the decision under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

(2) The appeal must be started within 20 business days after the day notice of the decision is given to the applicant.

### **Effect of variation of Standard Building Regulation**

**9.(1)** This section applies if the chief executive decides to vary how the Standard Building Regulation applies to the building work.

(2) Subject to any appeal against the chief executive's decision, the Standard Building Regulation, as varied by the decision, applies to the building work.

(3) An assessment manager or private certifier must not refuse to approve an application for building work to which the chief executive's decision relates merely on the ground that the building work does not comply with the Standard Building Regulation.

### **How changes to Standard Building Regulation may affect certain building work to be carried out**

**10.(1)** This section applies to building work if—

- (a) the lawful carrying out of the work starts before the Standard Building Regulation is amended; or
- (b) approval to carry out the work is given before the Standard

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Building Regulation is amended, but the work does not start before the amendment commences; or

- (c) application to carry out the work is made before the Standard Building Regulation is amended, but the application is not decided before the Standard Building Regulation is amended; or
- (d) planning for carrying out the work started before the Standard Building Regulation is amended and the person deciding the application is satisfied that to require the work to be replanned to conform with the Standard Building Regulation after the amendment would cause financial hardship to the person for whom the work is to be carried out having regard to the following—
  - (i) the stage the planning has reached;
  - (ii) the nature of the work;
  - (iii) the means and circumstances of the person.

(2) For subsection (1)—

- (a) the work is lawfully carried out if the work is carried out in accordance with the Standard Building Regulation in force immediately before the amendment; and
- (b) approval for the work may be given if the approval is given in accordance with the Standard Building Regulation in force immediately before the amendment.

(3) For subsections (1) and (2), an amendment of the Standard Building Regulation includes an amendment of the Building Code of Australia.

### **Alterations to safe existing work**

**11.(1)** If an application for building work is for adding to or altering a building or other structure, the work must comply with the Standard Building Regulation in force at the time the application for the work is approved.

(2) However, if the person approving the application is satisfied the general safety and structural standards of the building or structure would not be at risk if the addition or alteration were carried out in accordance with the

Standard Building Regulation or a local law in force in a local government area at a particular time before the application was made, the person may approve that the work be carried out in accordance with the Standard Building Regulation or local law in force at that time.

### **Alterations to unsafe existing work**

**12.(1)** This section applies if an application for building work is for adding to or altering a building or other structure and the person approving the application is satisfied the building or structure is unsafe or structurally unsound.

**(2)** The person approving the application may require, as a condition of approving the application, that all or part of the building or structure conform with the Standard Building Regulation in force—

- (a) at the time the application is approved; or
- (b) at a time as will ensure the building or structure is made safe and structurally sound.

## **PART 3—SWIMMING POOL FENCING**

### **Local law for fencing of swimming pools**

**13.(1)** This section applies if a local government has a local law requiring—

- (a) the construction of fencing around swimming pools; or
- (b) doors, windows and other openings giving access to swimming pools to comply with the local law.

**(2)** The local law has effect only if the local law can reasonably be characterised as being directed to inhibiting young children from accessing swimming pools.

**(3)** A local law is of no effect if the local law—

- (a) requires the construction of fencing around swimming pools on land used, or to be used, for a tourist resort complex and the land

is specified under a regulation; or

- (b) allows the construction of fencing around outdoor swimming pools on residential land to a standard less effective than the standard required by section 14.

### **Outdoor swimming pools must be fenced**

**14.(1)** This section applies if an outdoor swimming pool is to be constructed or installed on, or is on, residential land.

(2) Before the pool is intentionally filled by the owner with water to a depth of 300 mm or more, the owner of the land must construct around the pool, fencing that complies with the design, construction and performance standards (the “**standards**”) prescribed under a regulation.

Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.

(3) The owner must—

- (a) keep the fencing in good condition; and
- (b) at all times, ensure the fencing complies with the standards applying at the time of construction.

Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.

(4) If the fencing no longer complies with the standards applying at the time of construction because the owner or occupier of adjoining land has constructed or placed something on the adjoining land, the owner of the land with the pool on it is not required to construct additional fencing or change existing fencing to comply with the standards.

### **Application for exemption from fencing**

**15.(1)** An owner of residential land on which there is an outdoor swimming pool, or on which an outdoor swimming pool is to be constructed or installed, may apply to the local government for exemption from complying with section 14(2).

(2) The local government may grant the application only if it is satisfied it is unlikely a young child would gain access to the pool because of—

- (a) the physical nature or location of the land concerned; or

- (b) the design or construction of the pool or fencing; or
- (c) the location of the pool or fencing.

(3) The local government may grant the application subject to the conditions the local government considers appropriate to inhibit young children accessing the pool.

(4) If an application is made under this section, the local government must decide the application within 5 business days after the application is made.

(5) As soon as practicable after making the decision, the local government must give the owner written notice of the decision.

(6) The notice must state—

- (a) the reasons for the decision; and
- (b) the decision may be appealed to a tribunal under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*; and
- (c) the appeal must be made within 20 business days after the day the owner receives the notice.

(7) The owner of the land must comply with each condition attached to the exemption.

Maximum penalty for subsection (7)—165 penalty units.

### **Revocation of decisions or previous variations**

**16.(1)** This section applies if, in relation to fencing around an outdoor swimming pool on residential land, a local government has previously made a decision or given a variation and the local government is satisfied 1 or more of the following has happened—

- (a) the decision or variation was based on a false or misleading particular given by the owner of the land;
- (b) a significant change has happened so that reasonable provision no longer exists for inhibiting access by young children to the pool;
- (c) if the decision or variation was subject to conditions—the owner has contravened a condition.

(2) The local government must give the owner a show cause notice

inviting the owner to show cause why the decision or variation should not be revoked.

(3) Subsection (2) applies only if the work the owner must do to comply with section 14(2) is not of a minor nature.

(4) After considering any representations made to it under the show cause notice, the local government may, by a further written notice (a “**revocation notice**”) given to the owner, revoke the decision or variation previously given.

(5) The revocation notice must specify—

- (a) what the owner must do to comply with section 14(2); and
- (b) the day by which the work must be done.

(6) The owner must comply with the revocation notice.

Maximum penalty for subsection (6)—165 penalty units.

(7) If the owner fails to perform the work required to be performed under the revocation notice, the failure is taken to be a failure mentioned in the *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1066.<sup>7</sup>

(8) In this section—

“**variation**” means a variation given under section 30M as in force immediately before the commencement of the *Building and Integrated Planning Amendment Act 1998*, part 2.<sup>8</sup>

### **Advice as to compliance**

**17.(1)** The owner of residential land on which there is an outdoor swimming pool may make written application to the local government for written advice as to whether the fencing around the pool complies with section 14(2).

(2) If an application is made under subsection (1), the local government must—

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<sup>7</sup> *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1066 (Performing work for owner or occupier)

<sup>8</sup> Section 30M (Variations), was repealed by the *Building and Integrated Planning Amendment Act 1998*.

- (a) decide if the fencing complies with section 14(2); and
- (b) give the owner written notice of its decision within 10 business days after receiving the application.

(3) If the local government decides the fencing does not comply with section 14(2), the local government must—

- (a) include in the written notice given under subsection (2) the reasons why the fencing does not comply; and
- (b) advise the owner what must be done to make the fencing comply with section 14(2).

(4) The owner must comply with the notice.

Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.

### **Access to outdoor swimming pools must be kept secure**

18. The occupier of residential land on which there is an outdoor swimming pool must ensure that any gate or door giving access to the pool is kept securely closed at all times when the gate or door is not in use.

Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.

### **Apportionment of cost of constructing dividing fence**

19.(1) The cost of constructing, altering, repairing, replacing and maintaining an outdoor swimming pool fence consisting of the whole or part of a dividing fence is, to the extent it is attributable to work done to comply with section 14(2), to be borne—

- (a) by the owner of the residential land on which the pool is constructed or installed; or
- (b) if the work or part of the work is done to comply with this part in relation to more than 1 parcel of residential land—equally by the owners of the parcels of land where the pools are constructed or installed.

(2) Subsection (1) applies despite the *Dividing Fences Act 1953*.

(3) A local law mentioned in section 13(1) does not limit the discretion of a Magistrates Court under the *Dividing Fences Act 1953*.

### **Appeals about swimming pool fencing**

**20.(1)** An owner of residential land on which there is an outdoor swimming pool who is dissatisfied with a decision, or the lack of a decision within the time stated for the giving of the decision, of the local government or a private certifier about a matter relating to the fencing around the pool may appeal to a tribunal under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

**(2)** The appeal must be started within 20 business days after—

- (a) notice of the decision is given to the person; or
- (b) if a decision is not given within the time stated for the giving of the decision—the last day when the decision could have been made.

## **PART 4—SHOW CAUSE AND ENFORCEMENT NOTICES**

### **Show cause notices**

**21.(1)** A notice (a “**show cause notice**”) inviting a person to show cause why an enforcement or revocation notice should not be given to the person must—

- (a) be in writing; and
- (b) outline the facts and circumstances forming the basis for the belief that an enforcement or revocation notice should be given to the person; and
- (c) state that representations may be made about the show cause notice; and
- (d) state how the representations may be made; and
- (e) state where the representations may be made or sent; and
- (f) state—
  - (i) a day and time for making the representations; or
  - (ii) a period within which the representations must be made.

(2) The day or period stated in the notice must be, or must end, at least 20 business days after the notice is given.

### **Enforcement notices**

**22.(1)** A local government may give a notice (an “**enforcement notice**”) to the owner of a building, structure or building work if the local government reasonably believes the building, structure or building work—

- (a) was built before the commencement of this section without, or not in accordance with, the approval of the local government; or
- (b) is dangerous; or
- (c) is in a dilapidated condition; or
- (d) is unfit for use or occupation; or
- (e) is filthy, infected with disease or infested with vermin.

(2) A local government may also give an enforcement notice to a person who does not comply with a particular matter in this Act.

(3) A private certifier may also give an enforcement notice under subsection (2) in relation to building work for which the private certifier is engaged to perform the functions of a private certifier.

(4) However, before a local government or private certifier gives a person an enforcement notice, the local government or private certifier must give the person a show cause notice.

(5) Subsection (4) applies only if the matter, about which the local government or private certifier is proposing to give the enforcement notice, is not of a dangerous or minor nature.

(6) An enforcement notice given under this section is taken to be an enforcement notice given under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 4.3.11.<sup>9</sup>

### **Specific requirements of enforcement notices**

**23.(1)** Without limiting specific requirements an enforcement notice may

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<sup>9</sup> *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 4.3.11 (Giving enforcement notice)

impose, an enforcement notice may require a person to do any of the following—

- (a) to apply for a development permit under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*;
- (b) to do, or not to do, another act to ensure building work complies with the approval of the local government given before the commencement of this section;
- (c) to repair or rectify the building or structure;
- (d) to secure the building or structure (whether by a system of supports or in another way);
- (e) to fence off the building or structure to protect persons;
- (f) to cleanse, purify and disinfect the building or structure;
- (g) to demolish or remove the building or structure;
- (h) to comply with this Act for a particular matter.

(2) However, a person may be required to demolish or remove the building or structure only if the local government reasonably believes it is not possible and practical to take steps to comply with subsection (1)(c) to (f).

### **Appeals against enforcement notices**

**24.(1)** A person who is given an enforcement notice under section 22 may appeal to a tribunal as if the appeal were an appeal under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.

(2) The appeal must be started within—

- (a) if the notice is given in relation to a dangerous building or structure—5 business days; or
- (b) if the notice is given for any other purpose—20 business days after the enforcement notice is given to the person.

### **Register of notices given**

**25.(1)** Each local government must keep the register maintained under

this section before the commencement of the *Building and Integrated Planning Amendment Act 1998* open to inspection by the public.

(2) A local government may remove from the register all entries and details relating to a notice when the requirements of the notice have been complied with.

### **Action local government may take if enforcement notice not complied with**

26. If an enforcement notice is given under section 22(1)(b) to (e) or (2) to an owner and the owner fails to perform the work required to be performed under the notice, the failure is taken to be a failure mentioned in the *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1066.<sup>10</sup>

### **Removal of persons in buildings to be demolished**

27.(1) If it is necessary or expedient to remove any person from a building or other structure, which is to be demolished, in whole or in part, by a local government under any provision of this Act it shall be the duty of every police officer—

- (a) to comply with a request made on behalf of the local government to remove such person; and
- (b) to act in aid of an officer of the local government in removing such person.

(2) For the purpose of removing any person from a building or other structure referred to in subsection (1)—

- (a) any officer of the local government concerned who is authorised in writing in that behalf by the chief executive officer of the local government and any police officer acting on a request of the local government in that behalf may, without other authority than this Act, enter upon such building or other structure and all parts of the building or structure and upon the land on which it stands; and
- (b) any such officer and any such police officer may remove from

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<sup>10</sup> *Local Government Act 1993*, section 1066 (Performing work for owner or occupier)

such building or other structure all persons found in the building or structure, using such force as is reasonably necessary for the purpose.

## **PART 5—ACCREDITING BODIES AND BUILDING CERTIFIERS**

### *Division 1—Accreditation*

#### **Authorisation of accrediting bodies**

**28.(1)** A regulation may authorise an incorporated or statutory body to be an accrediting body for accrediting building certifiers.

**(2)** An incorporated or statutory body may not be authorised as an accrediting body unless the accrediting body has identifiable competence and expertise in accrediting building certifiers.

**(3)** More than 1 incorporated or statutory body may be authorised as an accrediting body for accrediting building certifiers.

#### **Function of accrediting bodies**

**29.(1)** The function of an accrediting body is to accredit individuals as building certifiers.

**(2)** For subsection (1), an accrediting body must—

- (a)** maintain a code of conduct by which the performance of building certifiers may be measured and to which building certifiers must comply; and
- (b)** maintain standards specifying the levels of accreditation available and the minimum qualifications and experience required for each level; and
- (c)** have balanced stakeholder representation, including industry, local government and State government representation, on all its

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- committees; and
- (d) monitor compliance by building certifiers with accreditation requirements and implement disciplinary mechanisms in cases of noncompliance; and
  - (e) carry out audits of work by building certifiers; and
  - (f) subject to section 33(4), investigate all written complaints made to the accrediting body about alleged breaches by building certifiers of the code of conduct or this or another Act; and
  - (g) review the accreditation of, and if necessary take disciplinary action against, building certifiers for proven unethical or incompetent conduct, noncompliance with accreditation requirements or failure to comply with the duties of a building certifier as prescribed under this or another Act; and
  - (h) issue annual practice certificates that will ensure building certifiers have maintained compliance with accreditation requirements including renewal of the professional indemnity insurance cover and continuing professional development required by regulation; and
  - (i) give the chief executive and local governments, at least once each year, a list of building certifiers and a summary of any disciplinary action taken; and
  - (j) keep available for purchase by members of the public, on payment of a reasonable fee—
    - (i) a list of building certifiers; and
    - (ii) information about the accreditation history and status of each building certifier; and
    - (iii) documented procedures for all accreditation body functions.

(3) An accrediting body must not disclose unproved complaints against a building certifier.

**Persons must not practice as building certifiers without accreditation**

**30.** A person must not practice as a building certifier unless the person

holds current accreditation as a building certifier.

Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.

### ***Division 2—Jurisdiction***

#### **Jurisdiction of building certifiers**

**31.(1)** This section applies only to the building work component of a development application.

**(2)** In assessing or deciding a development application under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 5.3.5<sup>11</sup>, a building certifier must assess and decide<sup>12</sup> the application against—

- (a) this Act;<sup>13</sup> or
- (b) to the extent a local law is about the construction of fencing around swimming pools and is not inconsistent with this Act—the local law.<sup>14</sup>

**(3)** If a building certifier is required under this Act to inspect work relating to a development application, the building certifier's inspection of the work must be against this Act.

**(4)** If a building certifier gives a show cause or enforcement notice under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, the notice must relate to building work.

**(5)** Nothing in this section prevents a building certifier who has the qualifications, necessary experience or accreditation for assessing or deciding another aspect of a development application from assessing and deciding the other aspect.

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<sup>11</sup> *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 5.3.5 (Private certifier may decide certain development applications and inspect and certify certain work)

<sup>12</sup> Under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 5.3.4, the application must not be inconsistent with any earlier approval and under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 5.3.5(4), the application must not be decided until certain other assessments for the application are completed.

<sup>13</sup> Under the *Acts Interpretation Act 1954*, section 7, reference to this Act includes reference to the Standard Building Regulation.

<sup>14</sup> See also the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 3.5.4 (Code assessment).

***Division 3—Auditing building certifiers*****Accrediting body must audit building certifier's work**

**32.(1)** For complying with its function under section 29, an accrediting body must audit the work of a building certifier.

**(2)** When an accrediting body takes action under subsection (1)—

- (a) the accrediting body has the same powers it would have if it took action under division 5; and
- (b) the building certifier must comply with the requirements of division 5 as if the requirements were made in relation to an action under division 5.

**(3)** If the accrediting body detects professional misconduct while auditing the work of a building certifier, the accrediting body must undertake disciplinary procedures as if a complaint had been received about the professional misconduct.

***Division 4—Complaints*****Making a complaint against a building certifier**

**33.(1)** A person may make a complaint to the accrediting body about a building certifier if the person believes the building certifier is guilty of professional misconduct.

**(2)** A complaint must—

- (a) be in writing; and
- (b) contain particulars of the allegations on which it is founded; and
- (c) be verified by statutory declaration.

**(3)** The accrediting body may require the complainant to give further particulars of the complaint.

**(4)** The accrediting body may dismiss any complaint without investigation if the further particulars are not given or if the complaint or the further particulars are not verified by statutory declaration.

**Building certifier must be advised of complaint**

**34.(1)** After receiving the complaint, the accrediting body must, by written notice—

- (a) inform the building certifier of the nature of the complaint; and
- (b) invite the building certifier to make, within the time stated in the notice, representations to the accrediting body about the complaint.

**(2)** The time stated in the notice must be at least 5 business days after the notice is given.

**(3)** The accrediting body must have regard to the representations when making its decision on the complaint.

**Accrediting body must investigate complaint**

**35.(1)** The accrediting body must conduct an investigation into the complaint as soon as practicable.

**(2)** The accrediting body may deal with 1 or more complaints about a building certifier in the same investigation.

**(3)** If during an investigation the accrediting body is satisfied there is matter about which another complaint could have been made against the building certifier, the accrediting body may deal with the matter in its investigation as if a complaint had been made about the matter.

***Division 5—Investigations*****Accrediting body may require documents to be produced**

**36.(1)** For investigating a complaint or conducting an audit, an accrediting body may, by written notice given to a building certifier, require the building certifier to produce a document to the accrediting body, or a person authorised by the accrediting body (an “**accrediting auditor**”).

**(2)** The notice may also state—

- (a) a time and place by which the document must be produced; or
- (b) that the document must be verified by statutory declaration.

(3) The time for compliance stated in the notice must be a reasonable time.

### **Inspection of documents**

37. An accrediting auditor may inspect any document produced to the accrediting body and copy it or any part of it.

### **Power to enter and inspect building**

38.(1) For investigating a complaint or conducting an audit, an accrediting auditor may enter and inspect a building.

(2) The entry and inspection must be—

- (a) made with the consent of the person in control of the building; or
- (b) authorised by warrant of a magistrate.

(3) An accrediting auditor may apply to a magistrate for a warrant under this section for a particular building.

(4) The application must be sworn and state the grounds on which it is sought.

(5) If the magistrate requires further information about the grounds on which the warrant is sought, the magistrate must not issue the warrant unless the accrediting auditor or some other person has given the information to the magistrate in the form (either orally or by affidavit) that the magistrate requires.

(6) The magistrate may issue the warrant only if the magistrate is satisfied there is a proper reason for entering and inspecting the building.

(7) The warrant must state—

- (a) that the accrediting auditor may, with necessary and reasonable help and force, enter and inspect the building; and
- (b) the hours of the day when entry may be made; and
- (c) the day (not more than 14 days after the issue of the warrant) on which the warrant ceases to have effect.

**Cooperating with investigation or audit**

**39.(1)** A building certifier who is being investigated or audited by the accrediting body must assist in and cooperate with the investigation or audit.

**(2)** A building certifier is guilty of professional misconduct if the building certifier, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) fails to comply with subsection (1) or section 36; or
- (b) misleads or obstructs an accrediting body in the exercise of any function under this division.

**Decision after investigation or audit completed**

**40.(1)** After investigating a complaint or conducting an audit, the accrediting body must—

- (a) decide whether or not the building certifier is guilty of professional misconduct; and
- (b) give the building certifier and the complainant (if any) written notice of the decision.

**(2)** If the accrediting body decides the building certifier is guilty of professional misconduct, the accrediting body must, by written notice—

- (a) caution or reprimand the building certifier; or
- (b) impose the conditions it considers appropriate on the building certifier's accreditation; or
- (c) direct the building certifier to complete the educational courses stated by the accrediting body; or
- (d) direct the building certifier to report on his or her practice as a building certifier at the times, in the way and to the persons stated by the accrediting body; or
- (e) suspend the building certifier's accreditation for the term the accrediting body considers appropriate; or
- (f) cancel the building certifier's accreditation; or
- (g) if the accrediting body is satisfied the building certifier is generally competent and diligent and that no other material complaints have been made against the building certifier—take no further action.

- (3) The notice given under subsection (1)(b) must also state—
- (a) the reasons for the decision; and
  - (b) the decision may be appealed to the chief executive; and
  - (c) the appeal must be made within 20 business days after the day the person receives the notice.

### **Accrediting body's decision may be appealed**

**41.(1)** If a building certifier or a complainant is dissatisfied with the accrediting body's decision, the building certifier or the complainant may appeal to the chief executive against the decision.

(2) The appeal must be made within 20 business days after the day the appellant receives notice of the decision.

(3) If the building certifier appeals to the chief executive, the building certifier may apply to the court for a stay of the decision.

### *Division 6—Chief executive and court powers*

#### **Chief executive may investigate building certifier**

**42.(1)** If a person appeals to the chief executive under section 41, the chief executive may investigate the matter about which the decision was made.

(2) In investigating the matter the chief executive has the same powers as the accrediting body had to investigate the matter.

#### **Chief executive's decision**

**43.(1)** After investigating the matter, the chief executive must—

- (a) decide whether or not the building certifier is guilty of professional misconduct; and
- (b) give a copy of the chief executive's decision to—
  - (i) the building certifier; and

- (ii) the complainant; and
- (iii) the accrediting body.

(2) In deciding the matter, the chief executive may direct the accrediting body to do anything the accrediting body could have done under section 40.

(3) The accrediting body must comply with the direction and do anything necessary to give effect to it.

### **Appeal to the court against the chief executive's decision**

**44.(1)** If a building certifier, a complainant or the accrediting body is dissatisfied with the chief executive's decision, the building certifier, complainant or accrediting body may appeal to the court against the decision.

(2) The appeal must be made within 20 business days after the appellant receives notice of the decision.

(3) If the building certifier appeals to the court, the building certifier may also apply to the court for a stay of the decision.

### **Court may make certain disciplinary findings**

**45.(1)** If an appeal is made to the court under section 44, the court must decide whether or not the building certifier is guilty of professional misconduct.

(2) The registrar of the court must give a copy of the court's decision to—

- (a) the building certifier; and
- (b) the complainant; and
- (c) the accrediting body.

(3) In deciding the matter, the court may—

- (a) direct the accrediting body to do anything the accrediting body could have done under section 40; or
- (b) impose a fine, of not more than 1 665 penalty units on the building certifier; or

(c) order the building certifier to pay to the complainant or another person the amount the court considers appropriate as compensation for—

(i) any costs in bringing the complaint; and

(ii) any damage suffered by the complainant or the other person as a result of the professional misconduct; or

(d) make any other order the court considers appropriate.

(4) The accrediting body must comply with the direction and do anything necessary to give effect to it.

(5) If the court orders that a building certifier's accreditation be cancelled, the court may also order that the building certifier can not reapply for accreditation by any accrediting body within the period (including the period of the building certifier's lifetime) stated by the court.

## **PART 6—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Approved forms**

**46.** The chief executive may approve forms for use under this Act.

### **Giving security in certain cases**

**47.(1)** This section applies to approvals to carry out building work relating to—

(a) the removal of a building or other structure (whether for rebuilding at another site or not); and

(b) the rebuilding of a building or other structure that is to be removed from another site.

(2) If the application is made to a local government, the local government may, before approving the application or as a condition of the approval, require the applicant to give the local government security for the amount and in the form the local government decides.

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(3) If the application is made to a private certifier, the private certifier must, before approving the application, ask the local government to advise the amount and the form of the security the local government requires for the building work.

(4) If a request is made under subsection (3), the local government must, within 5 business days after the request is made, give the owner and the private certifier written notice of the amount and the form of the security the local government requires for the application.

(5) The owner may appeal to a tribunal under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* against the decision of the local government about the amount and the form of the security.

(6) The appeal must be started within 20 business days after notice of the decision is given to the owner.

(7) If the local government does not comply with subsection (4), the private certifier must decide the application without requiring any security.

(8) The amount of the security must not be more than the value of the building work to be carried out in accordance with the Standard Building Regulation.

(9) Before approving the application, the private certifier must be satisfied the security has been given to the local government.

(10) If an approval mentioned in this section is given and the approval lapses because the building work has not been substantially completed within the time prescribed for that purpose in the Standard Building Regulation, the local government may take the action it considers necessary to have the building work completed in accordance with the approval.

(11) In taking action under subsection (10), the local government may use all or part of the security given for the building work.

(12) If building work mentioned in this section is approved and security is given for the building work, the local government—

- (a) may at any time, having regard to the progress being made in carrying out the building work, release part of the security to the person who gave it; and
- (b) must, if the building work has been completed in accordance with the approval (other than under subsection (10)), refund the

security or, as the case may be, the balance of the security to the person who gave it.

### **Information to be supplied by the State**

**48.** If building work mentioned in the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, schedule 8, part 2 is carried out by or on behalf of the State or a public sector entity, the State must give to the local government the information prescribed under a regulation.

### **Owner liable for offences under Standard Building Regulation**

**49.** If the Standard Building Regulation requires that an act be done or not done but does not state who is to do, or not to do, the act, and the act is not done or, as the case may be, done in breach of the Standard Building Regulation, the owner of the building or other structure in respect of which the breach occurs is taken to be guilty of the offence occasioned by the breach and may be proceeded against accordingly.

### **Prosecution of offences**

**50.(1)** A prosecution in respect of an offence against this Act (including any offence that consists of a breach of the Standard Building Regulation as duly modified in relation to any area) shall be by way of summary proceeding under the *Justices Act 1886* upon complaint laid within 12 months after the commission of the offence or within 6 months after the offence comes to the knowledge of the complainant, whichever period is the later to expire.

**(2)** A person who may lay a complaint in respect of an offence against this Act is a local government or a person authorised in that behalf by a local government.

**(3)** It shall not be necessary to prove the authority of the complainant in any proceeding in respect of an offence against this Act.

**Liability for corporation's default**

**51.** Where an offence against this Act is committed by a body corporate each member of the governing body of that body corporate shall be taken to have committed the offence and may be punished for the offence accordingly, in addition to the body corporate, unless the member proves that the member had no knowledge of the commission of the offence or could not have prevented its commission by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

**Regulation-making power**

**52.(1)** The Governor in Council may make regulations under this Act.

**(2)** A regulation may make provision with respect to—

- (a) the fees payable under the Act; and
- (b) flammable and combustible liquids; and
- (c) fixing a penalty for an offence against a regulation (including different penalties for successive offences against a regulation) of a fine of not more than 165 penalty units.

**Day when Standard Building Regulation was made for Statutory Instruments Act 1992**

**53.** For the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, part 7,<sup>15</sup> the Standard Building Regulation is taken to have been made on 14 December 1993.

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<sup>15</sup> *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*, part 7 (Staged automatic expiry of subordinate legislation)

## **PART 7—SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

### **Swimming pool fencing compliance—hardship**

**54.(1)** This section applies if—

- (a) before the commencement of this section, a local authority, under section 49H(11)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1936*, extended the time for an owner to comply with section 49H(4) of the Act; and
- (b) immediately before the commencement of this section, the extension was still in force.

**(2)** The extension continues, in accordance with its terms, as an extension of time for the owner to comply with section 14.

**(3)** The local government concerned may at any time, and subject to the reasonable conditions it considers appropriate, extend the time for the owner to comply with section 14 if—

- (a) the owner files a written application for an extension with the local government while a previously given extension is still in force; and
- (b) the local government is satisfied that compliance within the time provided for in the previously given extension would cause the owner financial hardship.

### **References to Standard Building Law etc.**

**55.** A reference in an Act or document to the *Standard Building By-laws 1991*, the Standard Building By-laws (however described) or the Standard Building Law is a reference to the Standard Building Regulation.

*Example—*

A reference to the Standard Building By-laws as ‘those by-laws’ is a reference to the Standard Building Regulation.

**Existing referees**

**56.** A person who, immediately before the commencement of this section, was a referee under this Act is, until the end of the term for which the person was appointed under this Act, taken to be a referee appointed under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 4.2.36.

**Existing registrar**

**57.** The person who, immediately before the commencement of this section, was the registrar under this Act is taken to be the registrar appointed under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*, section 4.2.8.

**Lawfully constructed buildings and structures protected**

**58.** If a building or structure was lawfully constructed before the commencement of this section, the Standard Building Regulation can not require the building or structure to be altered or removed unless the building or structure is—

- (a) dangerous; or
- (b) in a dilapidated condition and unfit for use or occupation; or
- (c) filthy; or
- (d) is infected with disease; or
- (e) is infested with vermin.

**Lawfully constructed swimming pool fences protected**

**59.** If a swimming pool fence was lawfully constructed and maintained before the commencement of this section, the Standard Building Regulation can not require the fence to be altered unless the fence is no longer maintained.

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### 3 Key

#### Key to abbreviations in list of legislation and annotations

AIA	=	Acts Interpretation Act 1954	(prev)	=	previously
amd	=	amended	proc	=	proclamation
amdt	=	amendment	prov	=	provision
ch	=	chapter	pt	=	part
def	=	definition	pubd	=	published
div	=	division	R[X]	=	Reprint No.[X]
exp	=	expires/expired	RA	=	Reprints Act 1992
gaz	=	gazette	reloc	=	relocated
hdg	=	heading	renum	=	renumbered
ins	=	inserted	rep	=	repealed
lap	=	lapsed	s	=	section
notfd	=	notified	sch	=	schedule
o in c	=	order in council	sdiv	=	subdivision
om	=	omitted	SIA	=	Statutory Instruments Act 1992
orig	=	original	SIR	=	Statutory Instruments Regulation 1992
p	=	page	SL	=	subordinate legislation
para	=	paragraph	sub	=	substituted
prec	=	preceding	unnum	=	unnumbered
pres	=	present			
prev	=	previous			

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### **Building Act 1975 No. 11**

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### **Building Act Amendment Act 1978 No. 47**

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commenced 21 September 1978 (proc pubd gaz 23 September 1978 p 245)

### **Builders' Registration and Home-owners' Protection Act 1979 No. 69 s 4(2)–(3)**

date of assent 21 December 1979

commenced 19 May 1980 (proc pubd gaz 12 April 1980 p 1344)

### **Building Act Amendment Act 1981 No. 53**

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### **Building Act Amendment Act 1984 No. 45**

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ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

ss 3, 5(c), 17, 23, 25 and 26 commenced 7 July 1984 (proc pubd gaz 7 July 1984 p 1608)

remaining provisions commenced 2 June 1984 (proc pubd gaz 2 June 1984 p 987)

### **Building Act Amendment Act 1984 (No. 2) No. 114**

date of assent 18 December 1984

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 2 March 1985 (proc pubd gaz 23 February 1985 p 942)

**Building Act Amendment Act 1987 No. 69**

date of assent 1 December 1987

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 28 March 1988 (proc pubd gaz 26 March 1988 p 1735)

**Public Service Management and Employment Act 1988 No. 52 s 44 sch 3**

date of assent 12 May 1988

commenced 18 July 1988 (proc pubd gaz 16 July 1988 p 2876)

**Local Government (Planning and Environment) Act 1990 No. 61 s 8.8 schs 1, 2**

date of assent 18 September 1990

commenced 15 April 1991 (proc pubd gaz 6 April 1991 p 2009)

**Local Government Act and Other Acts Amendment Act 1990 No. 107 pt 4**

date of assent 18 December 1990

commenced 1 February 1991 (proc pubd gaz 19 January 1991 p 144)

**Building Act Amendment Act 1991 No. 52**

date of assent 10 September 1991

ss 1.1–1.2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 1 January 1992 (1991 SL No 180)

**Standard Building By-law (Swimming Pool Fencing) Order 1991 SL No. 75**

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**Standard Building By-laws Amendment Order 1991 SL No. 181**

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ss 1, 3 commenced on date of publication

remaining provisions commenced 1 January 1992 (see s 3)

**Local Government Act 1993 No. 70 ss 1–2, 804 sch (as amd by 1994 No. 1)**

date of assent 7 December 1993

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 26 March 1994 (see s 2(5))

**Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1993 No. 76 ss 1–3 sch 1**

date of assent 14 December 1993

commenced on date of assent

**Transport Infrastructure Amendment Act (No. 2) 1994 No. 49 ss 1–2, 6 sch 2**

date of assent 14 September 1994

ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent

remaining provisions commenced 18 November 1994 (1994 SL No. 399)

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date of assent 1 December 1994

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date of assent 22 November 1995

commenced on date of assent

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date of assent 22 May 1997  
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 remaining provisions commenced 1 July 1997 (1997 SL No. 177)

**Body Corporate and Community Management Act 1997 No. 28 ss 1–2, 295 sch 3**

date of assent 22 May 1997  
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 remaining provisions commenced 13 July 1997 (1997 SL No. 210)

**Building and Integrated Planning Amendment Act 1998 No. 13 ss 1, 2(3) pt 2**

date of assent 23 March 1998  
 ss 1–2 commenced on date of assent  
 ss 3, 9 (so far as it inserts the definitions “accrediting body”, “building certifier”, “court” and “private certifier”), 19 (so far as it inserts pt 6B div 1) commenced 30 March 1998 (1998 SL No. 55)  
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- s 38** prev s 38 amd 1978 No. 47 s 15; 1984 No. 45 s 27; 1991 No. 52 s 2.59;  
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**Cooperating with investigation or audit**

- s 39** prev s 39 amd 1991 No. 52 s 2.60  
om 1998 No. 13 s 13  
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**Decision after investigation or audit completed**

- s 40** prev s 40 amd 1991 No. 52 s 2.61  
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**Accrediting body's decision may be appealed**

- s 41** prev s 41 amd 1991 No. 52 s 2.62; amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
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- div hdg** ins 1998 No. 13 s 19

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- prov hdg** prev s 42 prov hdg amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
**s 42** prev s 42 amd 1981 No. 53 s 15; 1984 No. 45 s 28; 1987 No. 69 s 13; 1991  
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- prov hdg** prev s 43 prov hdg amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
**s 43** prev s 43 amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
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- s 44** prev s 44 sub 1978 No. 47 s 16  
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- s 45** prev s 45 amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
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- s 46** prev s 46 amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
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**References to Minister against referee's determination relating to amenity of neighbourhood or aesthetics**

- s 46A** om 1981 No. 53 s 16

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- s 46B** om 1981 No. 53 s 16

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- s 46C** om 1981 No. 53 s 16

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- prov hdg** pres s 47 prov hdg amd 1991 No. 52 s 2.79  
**s 47** prev s 47 amd 1984 No. 45 s 34; 1987 No. 69 s 14; 1991 No. 52 s 2.64;  
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**Information to be supplied by the State**

- prov hdg** prev s 48 prov hdg amd 1987 No. 69 s 15; 1991 No. 52 s 2.65  
**s 48** prev s 48 amd 1987 No. 69 s 15; 1991 No. 52 s 2.65  
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**Owner liable for offences under Standard Building Regulation**

- prov hdg** pres s 49 prov hdg amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch; 1998 No. 13 s 21(1)  
**s 49** prev s 49 amd 1981 No. 53 s 17; 1987 No. 69 s 16; 1991 No. 52 s 2.66  
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 amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch; 1998 No. 13 s 21(2)–(3)

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- s 50** amd 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch; 1998 No. 13 s 22; 1998 No. 31 s 66

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- s 52** amd 1978 No. 47 s 24; 1984 No. 114 s 14  
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**Approval to be sought where building erected without approval**

- s 52A** ins 1991 No. 52 s 2.70  
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- s 53** prev s 53 om R1 (see RA s 40)  
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- s 55** ins 1993 No. 70 s 804 sch  
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**Existing referees**

- prov hdg** amd 1978 No. 47 s 20; 1991 No. 52 s 2.73  
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 om 1998 No. 13 s 17  
 pres s 56 ins 1998 No. 13 s 28

**Existing registrar**

**s 57** prev s 57 amd 1978 No. 47 s 21; 1991 No. 52 s 2.74  
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**Lawfully constructed buildings and structures protected**

**prov hdg** prev s 58 prov hdg amd 1991 No. 52 s 2.75  
**s 58** amd 1991 No. 52 s 2.75  
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**s 64C** ins 1991 No. 52 s 2.80  
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**prov hdg** amd 1981 No. 53 s 20  
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<sup>16</sup> The Standard Building Regulation (prev Standard Building Law see s 55) was originally the schedule of this Act. It has remained in force for the purposes of this Act because of s 76 as substituted by the *Statute Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (No. 2) 1993* No. 76 s 3 sch 1. It will now be subordinate legislation.

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## **9 Provisions that have not commenced and are not incorporated into reprint**

The following provisions are not incorporated in this reprint because they had not commenced before the reprint date (see Reprints Act 1992, s 5(c)).

**Integrated Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Act 1998 No. 31 ss 60, 62–64, 66 read as follows—**

### **Amendment of s 3 (Definitions)**

**60.(1)** Section 3, definition “**building certifier**”—

*omit.*

**(2)** Section 3—

*insert—*

“**building certifier**” means a person or public sector entity accredited as a building certifier by an accrediting body.

“**public sector entity**” means—

- (a) a department or part of a department; or
- (b) an agency, authority, commission, corporation, instrumentality,

office, or other entity, established under an Act for a public or State purpose.’.

### **Amendment of s 29 (Function of accrediting bodies)**

**62.(1)** Section 29(1), ‘individuals’—

*omit, insert—*

‘persons and public sector entities’.

**(2)** Section 29(2)(b), ‘qualifications and experience required’—

*omit, insert—*

‘requirements’.

**(3)** Section 29(2)(h), all words after ‘requirements’—

*omit.*

**(4)** Section 29(2)(j)(iii), ‘accreditation’—

*omit, insert—*

‘accrediting’.

### **Replacement of s 30 (Persons must not practice as building certifiers without accreditation)**

**63.** Section 30—

*omit, insert—*

#### **‘Persons must not perform or exercise building certifying functions without accreditation**

**‘30.(1)** A person must not perform or exercise a building certifying function unless the person holds current accreditation as a building certifier.

Maximum penalty—165 penalty units.

**‘(2)** Subsection (1) does not apply to a corporation performing or exercising a building certifying function if—

- (a) the corporation is an assessment manager; and
- (b) the corporation is not practising as a private certifier in performing

or exercising the function; and

- (c) the function is performed or exercised on behalf of the corporation by an individual who holds current accreditation as a building certifier and is employed by the corporation to perform or exercise the function.

‘(3) In this section—

**“building certifying function”** means a building certifier’s function under the *Standard Building Regulation 1993*.’.

#### **Amendment of s 42 (Chief executive may investigate building certifier)**

**64.** Section 42(1), ‘person’—

*omit, insert—*

‘building certifier or a complainant’.

#### **Amendment of s 50 (Prosecution of offences)**

**66.** Section 50—

*insert—*

‘(4) Despite subsection (2), any person may lay a complaint in for an offence against part 5 of this Act or parts 11 and 12 of the *Standard Building Regulation*.’.