

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 618

Updated 'Guideline for the assessment of competent persons'

Purpose

To advise that the ['Guideline for the assessment of competent persons'](#) (the guideline) has been updated and republished.

Background

The guideline made under section 258 of the *Building Act 1975* (BA), provides building certifiers with valuable information about how to assess an individual as a competent person (building design-specification or inspection).

It forms part of a large suite of guidelines produced by the Department of Energy and Public Works.

When performing building certifying functions under the BA, a building certifier must have refer to these guidelines.

Updated guideline

The guideline for the assessment of competent persons has been updated to address common enquiries received from building certifiers, incorporate feedback from peak industry bodies, and reflect the Building Regulation 2021 (BR).

The updated guideline includes details about:

- assessment considerations such as the individual's licence, registration or other qualifications, the individual's experience, qualifications and skills, and the competent person assessment guidelines
- record keeping of competent persons for building certifiers
- roles and responsibilities of building certifier for the assessable building work, another building certifier, the competent person and QBCC licensee.

The updated guideline also contains updated legislative references to match the BR.

The updated guideline is effective from 17 July 2023.

More information

To view the guideline, please visit the [Business Queensland website](#).

The [Building Act 1975](#) and the [Building Regulation 2021](#) are available on the Queensland Government legislation website.

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