

Building and Plumbing Newsflash 613

Course in Issuing Development Permits for Building Works

Purpose

The purpose of this Newsflash is to advise industry that the Queensland Private Building Certifier Course (PBC Course) will replace the course in Issuing Development Permits for Building Works, prescribed under section 163(2) of the *Building Act 1975* and section 84(4) of the Building Regulation 2021.

It is also to announce that the Department of Energy and Public Works has selected the College of Professional Development as the new course delivery provider.

The department is currently in the process of amending the Building Regulation 2021 to change both the name of the provider and the name of the course.

Background

To become a private building certifier (class A) an individual must receive development approval endorsement by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) on their certifier licence.

Under section 163(2) of the *Building Act 1975* and section 84(4) of the Building Regulation 2021, a development approval endorsement application may be made only if the applicant has satisfactorily completed the course in Issuing Development Permits for Building works conducted by Mackee and Associates Pty Ltd, trading as AssentTECS.

AssentTECS no longer delivers the course. In 2022, the department undertook a review of the course and a tender process to select a new delivery provider.

CPD Training Pty Ltd, trading as the College of Professional Development was selected as the successful new delivery provider following a competitive tender process.

The department is currently working with the College of Professional Development to update the course, which is expected to be available from June 2023.

The department is also progressing amendments to the Building Regulation 2021 to replace the name of the course to the Queensland Private Building Certifier Course and the name of the provider to the College of Professional Development.

The new course

Delivery provider

The College of Professional Development is a Registered Training Organisation committed to providing quality and specialist training to the building surveying and certification industry.

They already provide building surveying qualifications with trainers and assessors, who are practicing building certifiers in Queensland.

Course delivery

The PBC Course is expected to be delivered using a blended learning model, which involves a combination of:

- online learning, which is completed at the participant's own pace
- real time facilitated learning, through either a one-day face-to-face training session in a classroom or two three-hour webinar training sessions held on separate days.

Participants will be required to complete various assessment tasks before being issued with a certificate of completion.

Enrolment

As the course is still in development, the course material is not yet available. The online component of the course is expected to be available from June 2023, with the first of the face-to-face and webinar session offered soon after.

Certifiers interested in completing the PBC Course can pre-enrol on the [College of Professional Development website](#).

The cost of the course is set by the provider. The department has been assured by the provider that fees will not apply when pre-enrolling, and participants will not be invoiced until the final enrolment stage.

It is important to pre-enrol as the scheduling of the face-to-face courses will be determined by numbers.

Course completion

Once participants complete the PBC Course and receive a certificate of completion, they can apply to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) for a development approval endorsement on their certifier licence.

More information

For more information about the course, please contact the College of Professional Development on (02) 9570 5141 or email info@cpdtraining.com.au.

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