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Alterations and additions – extension of transition period for energy efficiency requirements

Alterations and Additions

The *Building Regulations 2012* were amended on 19 December 2012. As part of the amendments, the transitional arrangements for energy efficiency for buildings or incidental structures that are being renovated, altered, extended, improved or repaired are to be extended for a further 12 months.

Until 1 May 2014, Regulation 31B permits a building or incidental structure that is being renovated, altered, extended, improved or repaired to comply with the energy efficiency provisions as set out in Advisory Note AN021, which are:

For Class 2 to 9 buildings and incidental structures

- Volume 1 of the current edition of the Building Code of Australia; or
- Volume 1 WA Part J0 of Appendices (Variation and Additions) of the Building Code of Australia 2010.

For Class 1 or Class 10 buildings and incidental structures

- Volume 2 of the current edition of the Building Code of Australia, including the WA Addition for water use; or
- Volume 2 of the Building Code of Australia 2009, including the WA Addition for hot water systems and water use.

When completing a certificate of design compliance, registered building surveyors must state what building standards apply to a building or incidental structure. Should the building or incidental structure utilise a previous version of the Building Code permitted during a transition period, then this must be clearly indicated on the certificate. This may mean that more than one edition of the Building Code will apply to a building or incidental structure.

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