



Extension of Ministerial Order regarding owner signatures

A Ministerial Order regarding the requirement for owner signatures on building permit applications has been extended for six months.

Made under section 67(2A) of the *Building Act 2011*, the Building (s. 67 Exemption) Order (No. 2) 2012 (the Ministerial Order) came into effect on 20 December 2012 and was originally scheduled to end on 30 June 2013.

The Ministerial Order now applies to any building permit application in respect of a Class 1 or Class 10 building or incidental structure made between 19 December 2012 and 31 December 2013.

Under the Ministerial Order, the owner is not required to sign the building permit application form. The owner must, however, still be named on the application.

The extension of the Ministerial Order has been approved by the Minister for Commerce to give the home building industry more time to fully adjust to this requirement. The extension will be published in the Government Gazette on 28 June 2013 and will come into operation on 29 June 2013.

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