



Building Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2015

This is to advise permit authorities that the Building Amendment Regulations (No. 2) 2015 were published in the Government Gazette on 30 June 2015 and came into operation on 1 July 2015.

These regulations amend the Building Regulations 2012 (the Regulations) as follows:

- Amendment regulation 4 amends regulation 43(e) of the Regulations to extend the expiry of the exemption on the requirement for an occupancy permit for a Crown building (the building work for which costs less than \$50,000) from 30 June 2014 to 30 June 2017. The intention is to ensure consistency by matching the existing expiry date of 30 June 2017 for the building permit exemption for the Crown under item 12 of clause 2 of Schedule 4 of the Regulations for building work which costs less than \$50,000.
- Amendment regulation 5 amends regulation 48A(1) of the Regulations to correct a drafting oversight to prescribe the relevant building standards which apply to the maintenance of existing buildings if there was no edition of the Building Code that applied at the time the most recent building licence was issued or if no building permit or building licence has been granted or issued.
- Amendment regulation 6 amends regulation 60(4) of the Regulations to exempt from the smoke alarm interconnection requirement in the Building Code existing buildings in relation to which a building permit was granted in respect to an application made before 1 May 2015. As drafted, regulation 60(4) may result in a situation where a homeowner of a recently constructed dwelling who decides to sell, rent or hire the dwelling discovers it does not comply with the interconnection requirements, even though the dwelling complied with the Building Code when constructed.

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