



Ministerial Order: Exemption from requirement for owner signature on building permit applications extended indefinitely

This industry bulletin is to inform building industry stakeholders of an indefinite extension to the Ministerial Order that exempts certain owners of land from the requirement to sign an application for a building permit.

Made under section 67(2A) of the *Building Act 2011* (the Act), the Ministerial Order applies to all building permit applications for a Class 1 or Class 10 building or incidental structure.

Under this Order, the owner is exempted from the requirement under section 16(b) of the Act to sign the building permit application form. The owner or owners must, however, still be named on the application form.

The note in relation to owner signatures on the BA1 and BA2 forms will be amended in due course to reflect the extension.

It is intended that section 16 of the Act will in due course be amended to replace the owner signature requirement for a building permit application for a Class 1 or Class 10 building or incidental structure with a requirement to obtain the owner's consent. This amendment will be included in a future Treasury Red Tape Reduction Bill.

The Ministerial Order will be revoked at the same time as this proposed amendment to the Act achieves passage through the Parliament and commences operation.

This will ensure a continuation of the current residential building approval process whereby permit applications are lodged and processed with minimal delays.

If you have any queries on this matter, please contact Mr Bob Stone, Principal Legislation Officer on 6251 1368.

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