



Alterations and additions – extension of transition period for energy efficiency requirements to 2015

The transitional arrangements under Regulation 31B of the Building Regulations 2012 for energy efficiency in respect of buildings or incidental structures that are being renovated, altered, extended, improved or repaired are to be extended to 1 May 2015. This is in support of the implementation of a WA Alterations and Additions Protocol (Protocol) for energy efficiency when undertaking alterations and additions to Class 1 buildings.

The Building Commission has supported an industry-led project to create a protocol that will provide a practical building solution to enable alterations and additions to meet the more stringent energy efficiency requirements that will apply from 1 May 2015.

The Protocol can be used by a registered building surveyor to determine whether a building complies with Performance Requirements P2.6.1 and P2.6.2 of Volume 2 of the National Construction Code as prescribed under Regulation 31A of the Building Regulations 2012.

The Protocol and associated reporting resources will be available from 1 May 2014. This will provide industry with a 12 month period to familiarise themselves with the Protocol option.

More information on the Protocol and how it will work will be published shortly.

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