



Building Newsflash

Amendments to the Queensland Development Code - Part 14 Fire Safety in Budget Accommodation Buildings

Purpose

The purpose of this Newsflash is to advise amendments to the *Queensland Development Code (QDC) Part 14 Fire Safety in Budget Accommodation Buildings*, will commence from 30 November 2007.

Background

Newsflash 291 (7/11/07) advised of a proposed minor amendment to Part 14 to define “*self closing doors*”.

Legislation

Building Act 1975

Building Regulation 2006

The term “*self closing doors*” has been defined to mean doors which are fitted with a device –

- (a) with an *automatic*-closing operation initiated by the activation of the building's interconnected smoke alarms or smoke detection system; or
- b) with a free-arm action closing operation which closes the door or causes the door to remain closed (without preventing manual re-opening), upon the detection of smoke by the building's interconnected smoke alarms or smoke detection system; or
- (c) that returns the door to the fully closed position immediately after each opening.

Schedule 3 of the QDC Part 14 has also been amended to include the term *self closing doors*.

These amendments are effective as of 30 November 2007. A copy of QDC Part 14 – Fire safety in budget accommodation buildings can be found at the Building Codes Queensland website:

<http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/?id=247>

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