

# Building Newsflash

## Application of the BCA energy efficiency provisions to new building work associated with existing buildings

### Purpose

To advise of the availability of a publication produced by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) on the application of the *Building Code of Australia* (BCA) energy efficiency provisions to new building work associated with existing buildings, such as alterations or additions.

### Background

All assessable or self assessable building work must meet the energy efficiency requirements of the BCA. Those requirements also apply to building work carried out on existing buildings. Under the *Building Act 1975*, the building certifier has some discretion on the extent to which the energy efficiency requirements of the BCA are applied to existing buildings.

The ABCB has published a handbook titled ***Applying Energy Efficiency Provisions to New Building Work Associated with Existing Class 2 to 9 Buildings*** to assist in making informed decisions on the application of the energy efficiency provisions to new building work associated with existing buildings.

The handbook contains guidance on the general approach to be taken when applying the BCA energy efficiency provisions to new work associated with an existing building. The new work may be an extension, alteration, refurbishment or change of classification/use. The handbook should be read and applied in conjunction with the *Building Act 1975* and does not replace or override any legislation. The publication can be purchased for \$44.00 from the ABCB at the following link:

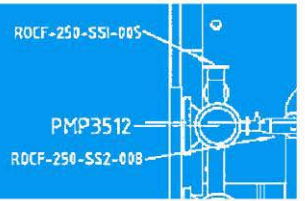
<https://www.abcb.gov.au/shop/Details.cfm?ProdID=100&category=0>

### Legislation

*Building Act 1975* – sections 37, 61, 80 and 81.

### Contact Officer

For any enquiries about the purchase of the handbook, please contact the ABCB on the following details:



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For any enquiries about the application of the Queensland component of the handbook, please contact a building certifier or contact Building Codes Queensland on telephone number (07) 3239 6369 or by email [buildingcodes@dip.qld.gov.au](mailto:buildingcodes@dip.qld.gov.au).

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