



Building Newsflash

Premises providing “higher risk” personal appearance services Part 15 of the Queensland Development Code

Purpose

To advise that Part 15 of the Queensland Development Code (QDC) will come into effect on 1 July 2004 to coincide with the commencement of the *Public Health (Infection Control for Personal Appearance Services) Act 2003*, which has the objective of minimising the infection risks associated with personal appearance services.

Background

Under the new Act, businesses providing “higher risk” personal appearance services (ie skin penetration services such as tattooing and body piercing) must be licensed. The Act also requires that business premises at which these services are provided must comply with Part 15 of the QDC.

Part 15 specifies performance criteria and acceptable solutions in relation to:

- functionality
- handwashing, instrument and equipment cleaning facilities
- finishing materials
- finishes for joining systems.

Private certifiers will be able to decide building development applications involving Part 15 of the QDC if the application complies with the relevant acceptable solutions in Part 15. If the application does not comply, the private certifier will need to obtain advice from the local government under section 20 of the *Standard Building Regulation 1993* about compliance with the performance criteria.

Part 15 of the QDC is available on the Department’s website www.lgp.qld.gov.au under “Building Codes Queensland” in the “Building & Plumbing” menu.

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