



# Building Newsflash

## Recognition of RICS-accredited building certifiers in Australia

### Purpose

This newsflash provides information on a new agreement—between the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)—to provide better recognition of RICS-accredited building certifiers in Australia.

### Background

Like other parts of Australia, Queensland is experiencing an emerging shortage of building certifiers. Some sources suggest that, in a worst-case scenario, the number of licensed building certifiers in Queensland could fall by up to 86 per cent over the next eight years due to an ageing workforce and low entry numbers into the profession.

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning (DIP) recognises the critical role building certifiers play in Queensland and is working with key stakeholders to maintain an adequate supply of building certifiers. Earlier this year the *Building and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2008* changed the *Building Act 1975* to allow building surveying technicians to provide certification services in all local government areas in Queensland. Further strategies are being considered as part of the current review of building certification.

DIP has also been working with AIBS and RICS to assist overseas building certifiers wanting to work in Queensland. AIBS and RICS recently agreed to provide better recognition of RICS-accredited building certifiers under the AIBS accreditation framework. A copy of the agreement is attached.

### More information

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