

### CATEGORIES AND CLASSES OF BUILDING PRACTITIONER - LEVELS AND SCOPE OF WORK

Category	Class	ABP Level 4	ABP Level 3	ABP Level 2	ABP Level 1
<b>Building Surveyor</b>		Unrestricted			
<b>Assistant Building Surveyor</b>			Commercial up to 3 storey Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Engineer</b>	Structural	Unrestricted			
	Building Services - Mechanical	Unrestricted			
	Building Services - Electrical	Unrestricted			
	Building Services - Hydraulic	Unrestricted			
	Energy management	Unrestricted			
	Environmental	Unrestricted			
	Geotechnical	Unrestricted			
	Civil	Unrestricted			
	Acoustics	Unrestricted			
	Fire Safety	Unrestricted			
<b>Building Services Designer</b>	Mechanical -	<i>Restricted Limited</i>	DTS only	DTS-Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	DTS-Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
		<i>Domestic</i>			
	Electrical -	<i>Restricted Limited</i>	DTS only	DTS-Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	DTS-Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
		<i>Domestic</i>			
	Hydraulic -	<i>Restricted Limited</i>	DTS only	DTS-Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	DTS-Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
		<i>Domestic</i>			
	Fire -	<i>Restricted Limited</i>	DTS only	DTS-Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	DTS-Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
		<i>Domestic</i>			
<b>Architect</b>		Unrestricted			
<b>Building Designer</b>	Architectural -	<i>Restricted Limited</i>	Commercial up to 3 storey with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup> and Refurbishments of any storey	Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
		<i>Domestic</i>			
(inc. Draftsperson)					

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<b>Builder</b>	Commercial -	Unrestricted			
	Commercial - <i>Restricted</i>		Commercial up to 3 storey with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>		
	Commercial - <i>Limited 2</i>			Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	
	Commercial - <i>Limited 1</i>				Commercial up to 1 storey with Max. floor area of 500m <sup>2</sup>
	Domestic - <i>Domestic</i>				Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
	Project Manager -	Unrestricted			
	Project Manager - <i>Restricted</i>		Commercial up to 3 storey with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>		
	Project Manager - <i>Limited 2</i>			Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	
	Project Manager - <i>Limited 1</i>				Commercial up to 1 storey with Max. floor area of 500m <sup>2</sup>
	Project Manager - <i>Domestic</i>				Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
	Construction Manager -	Unrestricted			
	Construction Manager - <i>Restricted</i>		Commercial up to 3 storey with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>		
	Construction Manager - <i>Limited 2</i>			Commercial up to 2 storeys with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>	
	Construction Manager - <i>Limited 1</i>				Commercial up to 1 storey with Max. floor area of 500m <sup>2</sup>
	Construction Manager - <i>Domestic</i>				Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
	Fire Protection Services - <i>Unrestricted</i>			Unrestricted	
		<i>Restricted</i>			Commercial up to 2 storey with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Domestic</i>			Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys
	Demolisher - <i>Unrestricted</i>			Unrestricted	
		<i>Restricted</i>			Commercial up to 2 storey with Max. floor area of 2000m <sup>2</sup>
	<i>Domestic</i>			Class 1, 10 & Class 2 up to 2 storeys	

## **REQUIREMENTS OF ACCREDITED BUILDING PRACTITIONER (ABP) LEVELS**

### **Accredited Building Practitioner (ABP) Level 4**

#### ***Building Surveyor Category***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 7 (Bachelors degree); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

#### ***Engineer Category***

Competencies required to be registered on the National Professional Engineers Register.

#### ***Architect Category***

Registration under the *Architects Act 1929*.

#### ***Builder Category***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 7 (Bachelors degree); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

### **Accredited Building Practitioner (ABP) Level 3**

#### ***Assistant Building Surveyor Category***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 6 (Advanced diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

#### ***Building Services Designer***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 6 (Advanced diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

***Building Designer***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 6 (Advanced diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

***Builder***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 6 (Advanced diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

**Accredited Building Practitioner (ABP) Level 2**

***Building Services Designer***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 5 (Diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

***Building Designer***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 5 (Diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

***Builder***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 5 (Diploma); and
  - ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme
- Or:
- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

**Accredited Building Practitioner (ABP) Level 1**

***Building Services Designer***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 4 (Certificate IV); and
- ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

Or:

- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

***Building Designer***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 4 (Certificate IV); and
- ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

Or:

- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

***Builder***

Either:

- ⇒ AQF Level 4 (Certificate IV); and
- ⇒ Experience as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

Or:

- ⇒ Equivalent as determined by the relevant Accreditation Scheme

## **DEFINITIONS**

“AQF Framework” – Australian Qualifications Framework: a unified system of twelve national qualifications in schools, vocational education and training (TAFEs and private providers) and the higher education sector (mainly universities). The Framework links together all these qualifications and is a quality-assured national system of educational recognition. The AQF internet site provides more information: <http://www.aqf.edu.au/>.

“Construction Manager” – A person or organisation engaged by the principal/owner to coordinate and manage the construction site and to pay the trade contractors (see also the diagram on page 16).

“Director” – Director of Building Control appointed pursuant to section 6 of the Act.

“DTS” – means Deemed-to-Satisfy. From the Building Code of Australia: “Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions” means provisions that are deemed to satisfy the *Performance Requirements*.

“Floor area” – from the Building Code of Australia:

Volume 2: “Floor area” means, in relation to a room, the area of the room measured within the finished surfaces of the walls, and includes the area occupied by any cupboard or other built-in furniture or fitting.

Volume 1: “Floor area” means-

- (a) in relation to a building – the total area of all storeys;
- (b) in relation to a storey – the area of all floors of that storey measured over the enclosing walls, and includes
  - (i) the area of a mezzanine within the storey, measured within the finished surfaces of any external walls; and
  - (ii) the area occupied by any internal walls or partitions, any cupboard, or other built-in furniture, fixture or fitting; and
  - (iii) if there is no enclosing wall, an area which has a use that-
    - (A) contributes to the fire load; or
    - (B) impacts on the safety, health or amenity of the occupants in relation to the provisions of the BCA; and
- (c) in relation to a room – the area of the room measured within the finished surfaces of the walls, and includes the area occupied by any cupboard, or other built-in furniture, fixture or fitting; and
- (d) in relation to an fire compartment – the total area of all floors within the fire compartment measured within the finished surfaces of the bounding construction, and if there is no bounding construction, includes an area which has a use which contributes to the fire load; and

(e) in relation to an atrium – the total area of all floors within the atrium measured within the finished surfaces of the bounding construction and if no bounding construction, within the internal walls.

“Minister” – Minister for Infrastructure, Energy and Resources.

“National Competencies” – competencies accepted by the Australian National Training Authority for assessment in the Vocational Education and Training Sector.

“National Benchmarks” – professional guidelines for tertiary learning institutions that provide degree and post-graduate qualifications.

“Project Manager” – A person or organisation engaged by the principal/owner for the total management of a construction project with responsibility for all aspects of design, documentation, contractual arrangements, inspections, and certification of work for payment and of completion (see also the diagram on page 16).

“Recognition” – this is a process by which credits are granted towards qualifications through assessment of an individual’s knowledge and skills gained through education, training, work and life experience. It includes Recognition of Prior Learning, Recognition of Current Competencies, Credit Transfer and Assessment of Current Competencies.

“Storeys” – means “Rise in Storey” as defined in the Building Code of Australia.

**Diagram: Definitions of Construction Manager and Project Manager**

