

## Continuing professional development

This fact sheet explains the process for implementing the new section 172AA(4)(a) of the *Building Act 1993* (the Act) that commences on 1 September 2016.

### THE CHANGE

The new section allows the VBA to consider whether continuing professional development (CPD) requirements set out in Regulations have been met by a registered building practitioner (practitioner), when considering an application for renewal of registration.

### WHAT THE CHANGE MEANS

#### Building practitioners, including building surveyors

There will be no immediate impact as a result of this change.

Any potential CPD requirements will need to be developed, agreed and included in the Building Regulations 2018 before they can take effect.

In future practitioners may be required to comply with CPD requirements in order to have their registration renewed, if Regulations are passed setting out CPD requirements.

The VBA will start discussions with industry associations and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to develop a CPD framework.

Once the framework is settled, a period of time will be provided before the framework is applied. This will allow practitioners time to understand their CPD obligations and take action to ensure they comply with any new requirements before they come into effect.

Additional information will be available once a CPD framework is agreed and ready for implementation.

### Read the new section 172AA(4)(a)

*In considering whether to grant a renewal of registration, the Authority may have regard to—*

- a) *Whether the applicant has complied with any prescribed continuing professional development requirements.*

### Want to know more?

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