

Abolition of the Building Practitioners Board

This fact sheet explains changes to the *Building Act 1993* that relate to the abolition of the Building Practitioners Board (BPB). The changes commence on 1 September 2016.

THE CHANGES

From 1 September 2016, the BPB's functions, powers and responsibilities will transfer to the Victorian Building Authority (VBA). The BPB will no longer exist except to finalise pending matters.

The existing functions of the BPB transferring to the VBA include:

- registration of building practitioners
- supervision and monitoring of building practitioners' conduct and ability to practice (including disciplinary proceedings and action)
- issuing certificates of consent to owner-builders.

WHAT THE CHANGES MEAN

Building practitioners, including building surveyors

Registrations

From 1 September 2016, the VBA will decide all new applications for registration and applications for renewal of registrations. While the registration status of existing practitioners will not be impacted by these changes there are some other important updates to the ongoing registration requirements.

For more information on the updates and how they will be applied, read the:

- **'Fit and proper person' registration requirement fact sheet**
- **Five year registration period fact sheet**

- **Conditions on registration fact sheet**
- **Continuing professional development fact sheet**
- **Surrender of registration fact sheet**

Disciplinary action and review of decisions

From 1 September 2016, decisions to take disciplinary action will be made by the VBA under updated provisions, including:

- a new show cause process where disciplinary action is proposed to be taken
- a new right to internal review of a VBA decision (for example, to refuse an application for registration or to take disciplinary action), by an independent internal review unit within the VBA.

For more information about the updates and how they will be applied, read the:

- **Changes to practitioner disciplinary process.**
- **Changes to practitioner disciplinary action.**

If the BPB has issued a notice of inquiry on or before 31 August 2016, the inquiry will continue under the law in place before 1 September 2016, and will be decided by the BPB.

Owner-builders

From 1 September 2016, anyone applying for a certificate of consent to carry out domestic building work as an owner-builder will apply to the VBA, under the updated requirements for issuing certificates of consent.

For more information on the updated requirements see the **owner-builder certificates of consent fact sheet**.

Any applications received on or before
31 August 2016 will be processed under the law
in place before 1 September 2016.

Want to know more?

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