



## Media Release

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### Practitioner Education Series reaches milestone

The Victorian Building Authority's (VBA) virtual masterclass series continues to go from strength to strength, with more than 10,000 people attending one or more webinars since they launched last year.

The latest Practitioner Education Series (PES) masterclass, held yesterday, with a focus on building enforcement, attracted 800 practitioners and industry representatives.

The 14<sup>th</sup> webinar in the series took practitioners through how to carry out enforcement correctly and what tools are available to relevant building surveyors (RBS) to assist them with the process.

The webinar also explored common issues with enforcement instruments, including statutory referrals that have been referred to the VBA and reasons why documents are considered unenforceable.

The masterclasses are a chance for building and plumbing practitioners to hear directly from industry experts on a range of key topics including performance solutions, enforcement, and design.

The VBA's State Building Surveyor Andrew Cialini said the milestone proves the importance of the webinars and how they are valued by industry.

"We know practitioners want more of these webinars, which is why we continue to add sessions to our program."

"They're an incredibly valuable education tool for practitioners and allows the VBA to continue working directly with industry to pass on knowledge," Mr Cialini said.

Upcoming webinars include:

- May 26 – Proactive Inspection Programs Findings: Plumbing Performance
- June 16 – Building and Plumbing Toolbox Talk
- June 30 – Design for Seismic Durability
- July 28 – Timber Framing Concessions and Non-Combustible Cladding
- August 25 – Plumbing Standards: What's Changing?

"The webinars are an important part of our activities and contributes to a more responsive, proactive and trusted regulator that monitors and enforces safe, compliant buildings."

"Our role is to engage, educate and regulate industry, so they can deliver positive social and economic outcomes for Victorians, and to promote a quality, safe and vibrant building industry," Mr Cialini said.

To register for future masterclasses, visit the [VBA website](#), where you can also catchup on [previous masterclasses](#).

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