

Transition of building practitioners to time-limited registration

This fact sheet explains how the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) will transition registered building practitioners to a time-limited registration period.

Who should read this fact sheet?

Please read this fact sheet if you were registered as a building practitioner before 1 September 2016.

Practitioners registered *after* 1 September 2016 will already be registered for a time-limited period (up to a maximum of five years).

Introduction

Changes to the *Building Act 1993* which came into effect on 1 September 2016, introduced a maximum five year registration period for building practitioners.

Time-limited registrations were introduced to improve registration standards and provide a mechanism to assess the ongoing fitness to practise of building practitioners.

All building practitioners registered prior to 1 September 2016 are required to transition to the new time-limited registration period if they wish to maintain their registration.

Transitioning to time-limited registration

The transition will occur over a number of years, depending on when a practitioner was first registered, as detailed in the following table.

Year of first registration	Financial year for re-registration
Practitioners first registered in a year ending in zero or 5	1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018
Practitioners first registered in a year ending in 1 or 6	1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

Practitioners first registered in a year ending in 2 or 7	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020
Practitioners first registered in a year ending in 3 or 8	1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021
Practitioners first registered in a year ending in 4 or 9	1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

When the VBA will contact practitioners

The VBA will notify you in advance of your registration expiry date to explain when and how to renew your registration.

Reminders to practitioners will commence approximately five months before the practitioner's registration is due to expire and will continue regularly until their registration renewal form is lodged with the VBA.

The VBA will not send reminders to practitioners whose registrations will have been in suspension for five years or more at the expiry date.

Renewal process

To find out how to renew your registration, read the Renewal of building practitioner registration fact sheet.

Want to know more?

If you have an enquiry about building registration, please email:

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