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ACCREDITATION DEADLINE IS 30 APRIL 1999

Purpose

To remind local government building certifiers who were automatically accredited under the transitional provisions of the Standard Building Regulation (SBR) that this accreditation will expire on 30 April 1999. To retain their accreditation status these certifiers must be accredited by the Queensland Building Services Authority (QBSA) from that date.

Local government certifiers are also reminded of the need to complete the Integrated Planning Act (IPA) one day training course which forms part of the QBSA accreditation requirements.

Legislation provisions

Section 125 of the SBR, which expires on the 30 April 1999, provides a concession allowing automatic accreditation for one year for local government building certifiers, without the need to be accredited by the QBSA, provided they -

1. held a lawful appointment for a local government, prior to April 1998 and continue in the employ of the local government; and
2. maintain a Continuing Professional Development program; and
3. do not practise or act as a private certifier.

What is required

All local government building certifiers who have not been accredited by the QBSA will have to apply to the QBSA for accreditation prior to 30 April 1999.

Those who do not have the prescribed qualifications will have the benefit of the dispensation on qualifications under section 126, until 30 April 2001. **However, they are still required to satisfy the other requirements of the Standard Building Regulation, including evidence of having completed an approved IPA course and payment of the prescribed fee.**

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One Day IPA Training Course

The Department conducted regional one day IPA training courses throughout Queensland during April 1998. Since that time it has conducted further courses on an as needs basis, mainly in Brisbane.

It is estimated that there are around 100 local government certifiers throughout Queensland who need to complete this course as part of their QBSA accreditation process prior to 30 April 1999.

If you have not undertaken a course please contact Mr Ron Cowley on (07) 3237 1706 so that necessary arrangements can be made to accommodate your needs.

For further information on accreditation requirements, refer to the Building Standards News Edition 2, January 1999, or contact Mr Stephen Earle at QBSA on (07) 3225 2922.