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**URGENT**

**Accreditation of Local Government Building Certifiers**

**Important - Deadline Friday 30 April 1999**

I wish to draw your attention to the **Building Surveyors and Allied Professions Accreditation Board (BSAP) transitional rules** applicable to local government building certifiers. BSAP is the body recognised in Queensland for the assessment and accreditation of the qualifications of building certifiers.

The BSAP transitional rules allow for the accreditation of building surveyors who do not possess the BSAP prescribed educational qualifications. These apply to building surveyors practicing building surveying as at 30 April 1998, and have continued to practice at that level. Many local government building certifiers are in this category. However, the BSAP transitional rules **expire this Friday 30 April 1999**.

Building certifiers who do not apply for transitional accreditation by **30 April 1999** will need to complete a course of study recognised by BSAP or seek accreditation under the BSAP recognition of prior learning rules, by the 30 April 2001. This is when the concessional educational provisions for local government building certifiers, contained in section 126 of the Standard Building Regulation expire.

For building certifiers to be eligible for transitional accreditation, **it is crucial they apply for accreditation to (BSAP), prior to the 30 April 1999 deadline**. Application for BSAP transitional accreditation **cannot be made after the 30 April 1999**.

I also draw your attention to the provisions of Section 125 of the Standard Building Regulation. These provided for automatic accreditation of existing local government building surveyors, as a concession, for a period of 12 months. These provisions also **expire this Friday 30 April**.

Therefore, in addition to the need to have their qualifications accredited by BSAP, persons performing building certifying functions in local government **must be accredited by the Queensland Building Services Authority (QBSA)**. It will be unlawful for any person to perform building certifying functions in local government **after 30 April 1999, unless they are accredited by the QBSA**.

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Detailed explanations of these provisions were published by Building Codes Queensland in Newsletter Edition 2 Jan 1999 and in Newsflash Issue 23 - 02.02.99.

If you require further information you can phone the Secretary of the BSAP State Educational Committee, Mr Larry Porter on 5537 4675 or mobile 0407 035 124. Alternatively, you may wish to phone the BSAP National office on (08) 8352 8111.