



# Building Newsflash

## Private certifiers' courses—issuing development permits for building work and IDAS foundation program

### Purpose

To advise building certifiers that the course *Issuing development permits for building work* will be offered in Brisbane on 17 and 18 July 2008 and the course *IDAS foundation program* will be offered in Brisbane on 16 July 2008.

### Background

Two separate courses are being offered. The half-day *IDAS foundation program* course is not mandatory and is designed for those not familiar with the Queensland system. It provides an introduction to the workings of the Integrated Development Approval System. The *Issuing development permits for building work* course is mandatory for persons wishing to become a class A private certifier in Queensland.

Private certifiers (class A) have development approval endorsement and can receive, assess and decide building development applications and issue or refuse building development approvals as assessment managers. The satisfactory completion of this course is a requirement to obtain this endorsement.

Private certifiers (class B) can only receive and assess building development applications and perform building assessment work against the BCA and QDC (except for boundary clearance and site cover assessment). Private certifiers (class B) **must not** issue development approvals, final certificates or certificates of classification.

### Legislation

#### **The Building Act 1975**

**Section 48** outlines the functions and powers of a private building certifier (class A).

**Section 49** outlines the functions and powers of a private building certifier (class B).

**Section 50** restricts private building certifiers (class B) from giving compliance certificates.

#### **Building Regulation 2006**

**Section 52 (4)** sets out the required course *Issuing development permits for building work* which is one of the minimum requirements for obtaining endorsement to issue development approvals. Private building certifiers who have already obtained endorsement to issue development approvals maintain their endorsement and are not



required to complete the course. Mackee and Associates Pty Ltd, trading as AssentTECHS, currently provide the course.

### Course registration

Building certifiers may register with AssentTECH by completing the attached course registration form. (Attachment 1)

Information of the IDAS Foundations Program is also attached which gives the rationale and course content. (Attachment 2)

Additional information on *Short course 3039QLD Issuing development permits for building work* is provided which shows the two-day program in more detail. (Attachment 3)

### Course contact

For information about the course or information about recognition of prior learning, please contact Ms Leslie Mackee, Principal Consultant, AssentTECS by phone on (07) 3871 2539 or by email on [atecs@bigpond.net.au](mailto:atecs@bigpond.net.au)

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