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WELCOME to the first issue of the Building Standards News Flash.

The News Flash, along with our new quarterly newsletter, the Building Standards News, will provide you with current news and advice about building legislation and standards.

The News Flash will only be available to E-mail or facsimile subscribers and is designed to provide immediate advice on issues as they emerge.

The first edition of the Building Standards News will be available in early August, and will provide information on current projects.

As the new General Manager of Building Standards, I look forward to working with you to ensure that Building Standards continues to provide the highest possible level of service. Please feel free to call me on (07) 3235 4123 if I can be of any assistance.

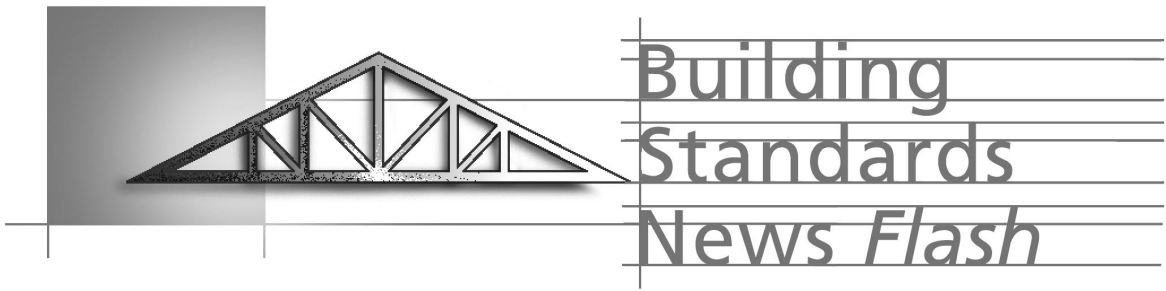
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QUEENSLAND BUILDING CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

The Queensland Building Certification Guidelines were released at the Private Certifiers Training Forum recently held in Brisbane.

The Guidelines provide comprehensive information on the practice of building certification which includes specific details about the approval procedures contained under the *Integrated Planning Act (IPA)*, and building control procedures prescribed in the *Building Act*, the *Standard Building Regulation* and the *Building Code of Australia*

Included in the Guidelines are-

- 'Building Guideline' and 'IPA Guideline' documents;
- explanatory guidelines on the *Building Act* amendments and the *Standard Building Regulation*;
- flow charts on applications, IDAS stages, and general time frames and notices issued under the IPA and the *Building Act*;
- a set of forms under the *Integrated Planning Act*, the *Building Act* and *Standard Building Regulation*. These consist of mandatory notices and recommended forms and letters; and
- explanatory information on the accreditation of building certifiers, and the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Scheme.

The Guidelines will be constantly updated and available by subscription at a cost of \$50.00 (including postage and handling). The cost also includes updates for 12 months.

Please contact Mr Ron Cowley on - (07) 3237 1706 if you require more information on the Guidelines and any other Building Standards publication .

“IDAS FORM 1A” NOW AVAILABLE

The Department has now produced the form on Microsoft Word. If you would like a copy please contact Ms Yvonne Orchard on (07) 3237 0368.