



# Building Newsflash

## Private Certifiers' Course – Issuing Development Permits for Building Work

### Purpose

To advise building certifiers that the course in 'Issuing development permits for building work' will be offered in Brisbane on 14 and 15 February 2008.

For those not familiar with the Queensland system, a half day 'IDAS Foundation Program', which will provide an introduction to the workings of the Integrated Development Approval system, will be offered on 13 February 2008.

This foundation program is not required as a prerequisite but is being offered at the request of a number of building certifiers.

### Background

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” can be accessed by visiting the following website:

[http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/docs/corporate/publications/building\\_codes/newsflash/2006/NewsFlash233/NewsFlash\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.lgp.qld.gov.au/docs/corporate/publications/building_codes/newsflash/2006/NewsFlash233/NewsFlash_brochure.pdf)

### Course Contact

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