

## Notice to Building Surveyors, Architects and Building Designers

### Introduction of New Approved Owner Builder Courses

### Amendments to the *Building Act 2000* and the *Building Regulations 2004* have changed the requirements for prospective owner builders to gain registration from the Director of Building Control.

The amended owner builder legislation (28 November 2012) now requires prospective owner builders to undertake an approved owner builder training course or courses, prior to applying for registration. The Owner Builder Responsibilities Course must be completed within the 12 month period prior to the date of an application for registration.

The Director of Building Control previously approved the Owner Builder Kit (December 2012) as the interim approved Owner Builder Training Course, with the provision that approval of this Course be withdrawn once other Courses are approved by the Director.

Following a call for expressions of interest from training organisations and the subsequent approval process, three training organisations are authorised to deliver approved Owner Builder Training Courses for Tasmania.

This combination of training organisations will offer participants a variety of delivery modes being on-line, correspondence and face-to-face.

The new requirements were Gazetted on 31 July 2013 and are shown in the next column. They commence on 1 September 2013.

Note that evidence of completion of both categories of the courses is required to satisfy the eligibility requirements to be an owner builder.

Accordingly, the Owner Builder Kit (December 2012) will be withdrawn as the approved Owner Builder Training Course, effective 1<sup>st</sup> of September, 2013.

## Building

### BUILDING ACT 2000

#### Section 30B(1)(g)

#### APPROVAL OF OWNER BUILDER TRAINING COURSES

PURSUANT to section 30B of the *Building Act 2000*, I approve the following owner builder training courses. All prospective owner builders\* must successfully complete a course from both Category A and Category B.

#### Category A: (Owner Builder Responsibilities)

An approved, Tasmanian owner builder course delivered by one of the following providers:

| Provider                   | Delivery                              | Contact Details  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| ABE Education Pty Ltd      | on-line                               | Ph. (02) 9798 5000<br>E-mail info@abeeducation.com.au<br>www.abetas.com.au   |
| Absolute Education Pty Ltd | on-line, correspondence               | Ph. 1800 427 407<br>Mobile 0418 181 815<br>E-mail admin@abed.com.au<br>www.abed.com.au   |
| Whetstone Pty Ltd          | face-to-face, correspondence, on-line | 79 Melville Street Hobart<br>Ph. (03) 6231 9095<br>Mobile 0412 291 450<br>E-mail whetstone@bigpond.com<br>www.whetstone.net.au |

#### Category B: (Construction Industry OHS Induction)

Any Construction Induction Course delivered by a Registered Training Organisation containing the national training unit 'Work Safely in the Construction Industry' (CPCCOHS1001A).

These requirements commence on 1 September 2013 and supersede all previous advice in relation to approved owner builder training.

(\*If land is owned jointly, only one applicant for owner builder registration is to complete both required Owner Builder Training Courses.)

KERRIE CROWDER, Director of Building Control.

Contact details for the training organisations can also be found on our website ([www.workplacestandards.tas.gov.au](http://www.workplacestandards.tas.gov.au)), or by phoning the Helpline on 1300 366 322.

Under the new work health and safety laws, which commenced in Tasmania on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, 2013, there is a requirement for prospective owner builders to obtain their construction induction training by obtaining a 'White Card' from a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that has the national training unit called 'Work Safely in the Construction Industry (CPCCOHS1001A) within their scope. It is not necessary to do both courses with the same training organisation. If an applicant has previously gained a 'White Card', that will suffice.

Once participants have evidence of successful completion of both requirements, they still need to apply for registration as an owner builder through their building surveyor. Applicants will be required to complete the approved *Form 40 Application for Owner Builder Registration* and provide their building surveyor with a copy of their training certificate and 'White Card'. In the event that there is more than one applicant for owner builder registration (i.e. more than one owner on the property title), only one applicant (the one who will be in charge on site) will be required to undertake the approved courses.

Building Surveyors', Architects' and Building Designers' co-operation in advising prospective owner builders of this new requirement is appreciated.



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