

Construction Occupations (Licensing) (Mandatory Qualifications) Declaration 2016 (No 1)

Notifiable instrument NI2016-194

made under the

Construction Occupations (Licensing) Regulation 2004, section 13 (Qualifications for individuals)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This notifiable instrument is made by the Deputy Construction Occupations Registrar under the *Construction Occupations (Licensing) Regulation* section 13(1) and determines the minimum qualifications and experience that an individual must possess in order to obtain a construction occupation licence. It makes the following changes to the previous declaration dated 14 September 2015 —

Occupation of Builder

The mandatory qualifications for obtaining a builders licence has changed from the previous declaration.

1. A Degree in civil engineering and structural engineering has been removed from the list of allowable qualifications for a Class A, B and C builder as the Deputy Registrar does not deem this qualification suitable in educating applicants for the purpose of obtaining a Class A, B or C builders licence and that those applicants will have the knowledge to undertake/supervise construction work, noting that the current qualification does not adequately address building code of Australia and the technical requirements required of a builder.
2. A Diploma of Architecture and Civil Engineering has been removed from the list of allowable qualifications for a Class B and C builder as the Deputy Registrar does not deem this qualification suitable in educating applicants for the purpose of obtaining a Class B or C Builders licence and that those applicants will have the knowledge to undertake/supervise construction work, noting that the current qualification does not adequately address building code of Australia and the technical requirements required of a builder. The Deputy Registrar has deemed the suitable qualification is the Diploma of Building and Construction (Building) with a course code of CPC50210, CPC50208 or BCG50206.

3. The Registrar has clarified the requirements for a Class C builder's licence. The Deputy Registrar has clarified that the suitable qualification is the Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building) with a course code of CPC40110, CPC40108 or BCG40106.
4. The Deputy Registrar has introduced a requirement for all individuals who wish to obtain a Class C builders licence to sit a written examination set by the Deputy Registrar.

Occupation of Electrician

The mandatory qualifications for obtaining an electrician licence have changed from the previous declaration. The requirements for a restricted electrical permit now allow an individual under a contract of training to obtain a permit for the disconnect and reconnect in relation to the plumbing and gasfitting trades.

Occupation of Building Surveyor

There was an omission in the previous mandatory qualifications instrument for the occupation and class of Principal Building Surveyor. These have now been reintroduced per NI 2015-183.