

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

BUILDING ACT 1972

APPROVAL OF COURSES FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GRANT OF BUILDER'S LICENCES

INSTRUMENT NO. 303 OF 1999

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The *Building Act 1972* (the Act) relates to the licensing of builders. Section 16 of the Act deals with eligibility requirements for the issue of builders' licences. This instrument lists tertiary courses from institutions both within the Australian Capital Territory and outside for approval as demonstrating eligibility for various classes of builders' licences.

Under subsection 16 (5) of the Act this instrument is disallowable for the purposes of section 10 of the *Subordinate Laws Act 1989* and is required to be tabled in the Assembly.

Paragraph 16 (2) (a) of the Act states that a person who successfully completes a course at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) approved by the minister and has 12 months experience in building work is eligible for a Class C builder's licence. The instrument approves the CIT Certificate IV course in Building for the purpose of this paragraph.

Paragraph 16 (3) (a) of the Act states that a person who successfully completes a course at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) approved by the minister and has 12 months experience in building work is eligible for a Class B builder's licence. The instrument approves the CIT Advanced Diploma of Building for the purpose of this paragraph.

Paragraph 16 (4) (a) of the Act states that a person who holds an Australian tertiary qualification, approved by the minister, in architecture, civil engineering, structural engineering or building is eligible for a Class A builder's licence. The instrument approves the Degrees of Bachelor of Construction Management and Economics and of Architecture at the University of Canberra, all the architectural degrees recognised by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects and all the Civil Engineering Degrees recognised by the Institution of Engineers, Australia.

For applicants who have completed other courses which are not included in the instrument but are equivalent to one of those courses approved by the instrument, the Act provides for them to be assessed through their qualifications, skills and experience.