



Building Newsflash

BUDGET ACCOMMODATION BUILDINGS

Purpose

To advise of changes to the *Local Government Regulation 1995* and the *Fire Safety Standard*.

Background

Newsflash 191 advised that the Department proposed to extend the duration of approved inspection programs for monitoring compliance with the *Fire Safety Standard* in budget accommodation buildings. The *Local Government Regulation 1995* has now been amended to allow inspection programs to be approved for one year.

In addition, Newsflash 194 advised that the Department had undertaken a review of several aspects of the *Fire Safety Standard* with the aim of providing additional compliance options in supported budget accommodation buildings and simplifying the regulation of maintenance of fire safety installations.

Legislation

The *Fire Safety Standard* has now been amended. The amendments commenced on 2 September 2005.

The changes to the *Fire Safety Standard* include -

1. Supported budget accommodation buildings

In supported budget accommodation buildings there are new acceptable solutions that do not involve automatic door closers.

2. Maintenance of fire safety installations

The maintenance requirements for fire safety installations have been deleted from the *Fire Safety Standard* and will be regulated by the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 1991*. Local councils and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service can provide owners with advice regarding maintenance requirements.

3. Buildings previously certified to Building Code of Australia (BCA) requirements

The amendment clarifies that budget accommodation buildings previously certified to comply with the BCA will also satisfy the *Fire Safety Standard* as an acceptable solution. This applies to all budget accommodation buildings except supported accommodation buildings, as the BCA has no provisions relating to evacuation assistance.

A copy of the *Fire Safety Standard* is available on the Building Fire Safety website www.lgp.qld.gov.au/firesafety.

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