



Building newsflash

Commencement date of a new Queensland Development Code MP6.1—Maintenance of fire safety installations and amendments to the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*

Purpose

To advise that amendments to the *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008* (BFSR) and a new Queensland Development Code (QDC) Mandatory Part 6.1—Maintenance of fire safety installations have been approved by regulation.

Background

The QDC is amended through amendments of the Building Regulation 2006 (BR). The BR and the BFSR were amended through the Building Fire Safety and Other Legislation Amendments Regulation 2008. The new QDC and amendments to the BFSR will commence on 1 January 2009.

Approved amendments to the BFSR and QDC

The new code can be found on the Department of Infrastructure and Planning's website: www.dip.qld.gov.au and the BFSR as amended can be downloaded from www.legislation.qld.gov.au

Amendments to the BFSR

As part of Queensland's commitment to the consolidation of building regulations and standards, building fire safety maintenance standards have been transferred from the BFSR into the QDC. Standards for the maintenance of fire safety installations are now contained in QDC MP6.1—Maintenance of fire safety installations.

Relevant provisions for Queensland Fire and Rescue Service enforcement powers remain in the BFSR. Relevant local government enforcement powers are contained in the *Building Act 1975*.

Introducing QDC MP 6.1

Mandatory Part 6.1 has been developed to set appropriate performance standards for maintenance of prescribed fire safety installations for the safe occupation of buildings and to specify the maintenance records that are required. The code will reduce the regulatory burden by limiting the application of section 17 of Australian Standard 1851–2005, with respect to selected passive fire and smoke containment systems. The code will also simplify occupier's reporting requirements with a yearly occupier's statement to be completed which confirms that fire safety installations have been maintained.

Legislation

- *Building Act 1975*
- *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*
- *Building Regulation 2006*
- *Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008*
- *Queensland Development Code (QDC)*



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