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Exemption period for professional indemnity insurance extended

Purpose

To advise on 17 September 2020 amendment to the *Building Regulation 2006* extended the 'exemption period' that allows building certifiers to hold professional indemnity insurance with an exclusion relating to external cladding.

Background

The professional indemnity (PI) insurance market for building industry professionals changed significantly in 2019.

This has affected the availability and affordability of compliant PI insurance across Australia.

Building Regulation 2006 amendment

The **current exemption period** that allows building certifiers to hold professional indemnity insurance with an exclusion relating to external cladding has been extended from 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2022. The amendment will:

Extend the 'exemption period' for a further 12-months to allow private building certifiers to hold an exclusion on their professional indemnity insurance policies.

Give certifiers clarity on when their licences will be effective following the expiry of the exemption period on 30 June 2022.

Allow an exempted licence (issued prior to 30 June 2022) to continue to apply until the exempted licence expires. For example, if the private certifier holds an exempted licence that expires on 12 September 2022 the licence is current to that date. On renewal the professional indemnity insurance required, will be as prescribed in legislation.

The Queensland Government is continuing to work with industry and other jurisdictions, including the Australian Government to develop a national response to professional indemnity (PI) insurance for building industry professionals.

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