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Development (Building Rules Consent - Disability Access) Amendment Act 2011

Amendment of section 4 and section 53A of the *Development Act* has been approved by parliament. This Act was gazetted on 22 September 2011 in the [Government Gazette](#) and will come into effect on a day to be set by proclamation.

The [Development \(Building Rules Consent - Disability Access\) Amendment Bill 2011](#) can be

viewed on the South Australian legislation website. The corresponding amendments to the Development Regulations 2008 are now being finalised and will shortly be released for consultation.

Development (Trusses) Variation Regulations 2011

The amendments to the *Development Regulations 2008* will implement a number of recommendations of the Ministerial Taskforce on Trusses. They include provisions for documentation required to be submitted, minimum inspection levels, a supervisor's roof framing checklist, and prescribed expiation fees.

The regulations refer to a Minister's 'Schedule 5 roof framing checklist', and a 'supervisor's checklist', which are both to be published in the Gazette before the new regulations come into effect.

Variation of regulation 74, 80AB and Schedule 5 and insertion of regulation 74A of the *Development Regulations 2008* were gazetted on 29 September 2011 in the [Government Gazette](#) and will come into effect on **1 July 2012**.

Building Rules Assessment Commission - Appointments

The Building Rules Assessment Commission members have been appointed for a two-year term from 9 September 2011 to 31 August 2013.

The newly appointed members can be viewed on the Development Assessment Commission [website](#).

Development (Auditing) Variation Regulations 2011

The head powers for auditing have been in the Development Act since 12 January 2006 but regulations are required to enable auditing to become operational. The need to progress auditing was identified in both the 2008 Planning Review and the recommendations of the Select Committee on Private Certifiers in 2009.

Draft regulations are expected to be released soon for consultation. Industry will be notified when they become available for viewing on the Government of South Australia [website](#).

Second Generation Software Accreditation

The Second generation software programs Accurate, BERS Pro and FirstRate5 are all compliant with the Australian Building Codes Boards Protocol - Version 2006.1, which is referenced in BCA2011. Accordingly these rating programs can continue to be used until **1 May 2012**.

Applications for Building Rules Consent lodged after **1 May 2012** must use the following NatHERS accredited versions of the Second generation software:

- **Accurate V.2.0.2.13**
- **BERS Pro V4.2 - release 110811**
- **FirstRate5 V5.1.7**

Further information can be found on the [NatHERS](#) website.

AS/NZS 3666 – An industry update on the new Standards

AIRAH and Standards Australia are coming together to bring industry an important update on the new suite of standards within AS/NZS 3666 - Air-Handling & Water Systems of Buildings – Microbial Control Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4. The seminar will be held in Adelaide on **Wednesday 30 November 2011** from 9 am – 1 pm at Terrace 3, Stamford Plaza, 150 North Terrace.

For further information and to register visit the AIRAH [website](#).

South Australian Housing Code

After considering submissions on the future of the SA Housing Code it has been decided to cease production of the Code as an acceptable construction manual in 2012. Work has been undertaken to ensure that any concessions provided by the Code have been incorporated into the SA variations to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) for 2012. Next year work will commence on converting the SA Housing Code to a Housing Guide so that any useful explanatory information, examples and maps are still available to practitioners.

From 1 May 2012, Volume Two of the BCA with the SA variations will be the only regulatory document for house construction.

Advisory Notice

02/11 - Administration: Future of the South Australian Housing Code. This notice provides information about the withdrawal of the SA Housing Code and the development of a housing guide.

Building Advisory Committee

A new Building Advisory Committee has been appointed and the members will soon be listed on the Development Policy Advisory Committee [website](#).

Fire Australia Conference and Exhibition: 16-18 November 2011

Fire Australia 2011 offers a comprehensive program covering current and future topics and issues as well as exhibitions and presentations from leading product and service providers. Information will be relevant to all those working within the fire protection industry including Fire Consultants, Engineers, Architects, Fire Service Personnel, Fire Equipment Manufacturers and Building Surveyors. Visit the Fire Australia [website](#) for further information and registration details.

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