

FAQs for Building Industry Professionals

Am I a suitably qualified building industry professional?

Not all building industry professionals are qualified to complete the required Form 34 to assist building owners with their requirements under Part 2 of the Safer Buildings combustible cladding checklist. The Building Regulation 2006 defines a building industry professional for these purposes as follows:

A building industry professional for all classes of buildings is:

- A building certifier (level 1)
- A QBCC licensee in at least 1 of the following classes
 - o Builder open
 - Builder design open
 - Fire safety professional
- An architect
- A registered engineer in
 - o Civil engineering
 - o Fire engineering
 - o Fire safety
 - Structural engineering

For buildings no more than 3 storeys and less than 2000m2 is:

- A building certifier (level 2)
- A QBCC licensee in at least 1 of the following classes
 - o Builder medium rise
 - o Builder design medium rise

What am I required to do if I have been engaged by a building owner for Part 2?

Building industry professionals will need to prepare and sign a building industry professional statement.

Read the Guideline for assessing buildings with combustible cladding for more information.

A building industry professional must give a copy of the statement within five (5) business days after the statement is signed to the following:

- the building owner
- the relevant local council
- QBCC via:

Email: qbcc.saferbuildings@qbcc.qld.gov.au

Post: GPO Box 5099 Brisbane QLD 4001

Visit a QBCC office.

Building industry professionals must keep a copy of the building industry professional statement for at least 5 years.

Building owners are required to complete the combustible cladding checklist (part 2) by 31 July 2019.

What if I think the answers to Part 1 are wrong?

The combustible cladding checklist has been designed so that the technical complexity increases as building owners progress through the online system.

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Part 1 questions were broadly based on the requirements on the National Construction Code. It is likely (and expected) that as a Building Industry Professional you utilise your knowledge of the National Construction Code to answer questions 5 and 6 in Part 2.

Answers to Part 1 cannot be changed once the Part is completed.

Where do I find the approved form for the Building Industry Professional statement? All Safer Buildings approved forms can be located on the Resources page of the website. The required form for a Building Industry Professional statement is the Form 34.

Where can I find out more information about how to assess the building?

The Department of Housing and Public Works has provided the <u>Guideline for assessing buildings with combustible cladding</u> to assist professionals in their assessment for combustible cladding.

What are the time requirements to meet my obligations?

The Part 2 deadline is 31 July 2019 unless the building owner has submitted a successful application for an extension 28 days prior to the deadline. You must work with the building owner to ensure there is enough time to complete the checklist and provide the necessary information to the QBCC before this deadline, or the building owner may face disciplinary action from the QBCC for non-compliance.

