



New signage provisions

Builders, painters, owner-builders and building surveyors must observe the signage provisions according to new building legislation which took effect from 29 August 2011.

The new provisions under the Building Services (Registration) Regulations 2011 (the Regulations) have further requirements to those that previously existed under repealed legislation with the major differences being:

- stipulation of where the sign is to be placed on the site; and
- inclusion of the building service contractor's telephone number.

Registered building and painting contractors must ensure that, attached to the site where the work is being carried out, there is a sign that complies with the following requirements:

- Located in a prominent position on the site and able to be read by members of the public from outside the site.
- Of reasonable dimensions and written in clearly legible letters and numerals.
- Contains the name, registration number and contact telephone number of the contractor and also the name and registration number of the nominated supervisor of the contractor.

Signs that contain a trading name and omit the registered name do not meet the requirements.

A penalty of up to \$5,000 may apply to builders (Regulation 21).

A penalty of up to \$2,500 may apply to painters (Regulation 36).

Owner-builders must ensure that, attached to the site where the work is being carried out, there is a sign that complies with the following requirements:

- Located in a prominent position on the site and able to be read by members of the public from outside the site.
- Of reasonable dimensions and written in clearly legible letters and numerals.
- Contains the name, contact telephone number and approval number for the owner-builder approval granted in respect of the work.

A penalty of up to \$1,000 may apply to owner-builders (Regulation 27).

Building surveying contractors who carry out building surveying work in order to issue compliance certificates, must ensure that there is a sign where they principally carry out their business, that complies with the following requirements:

- Located in a prominent position and able to be read by a person entering the premises.
- Contains the registered name, trading name (if different to the registered name), class of registration and registration number of the contractor and the name and registration number of at least one nominated supervisor for the contractor.

A penalty of up to \$5,000 may apply to building surveyors (Regulation 28K).

The full Regulations can be downloaded from the State Law Publisher at www.slp.wa.gov.au.

The name displayed on the sign must be the same as the name registered with the Building Services Board.

Examples

Registered individual:

Full name, registration number
Telephone number

Registered partnership:

All partners' full names, registration number
Telephone number

Nominated supervisor's full name, registration number

Registered company:

Company's full name (including Pty Ltd), registration number
Telephone number

Nominated supervisor's full name, registration number

Owner-builder:

Full name, owner-builder approval number
Telephone number

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