



Signage rules for builders, painters, building surveyors and owner-builders

This industry bulletin replaces Industry Bulletin 21 – New signage provisions, issued in May 2013.

Builders, painters, owner-builders and building surveyors must observe the signage rules that apply under building legislation that took effect from 29 August 2011.

The Building Services (Registration) Regulations 2011 have further requirements to those that previously existed under repealed legislation with the major differences being: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

- is located in a prominent position on the site and able to be read by members of the public from outside the site;
- is of reasonable dimensions and written in clearly legible letters and numerals; and
- 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 \$1,000 may apply to builders (refer to Regulation 21) or up to \$500 for painters (Regulation 36). A penalty of up to five times these amounts may apply to companies (*Sentencing Act 1995*).

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

- is located in a prominent position on the site and able to be read by members of the public from outside the site;
- is of reasonable dimensions and written in clearly legible letters and numerals; and
- contains the name and contact telephone number of the owner-builder and the 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:

- is located in a prominent position and able to be read by a person entering the premises; and
- 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 \$1,000 may apply to building surveyors (Regulation 28K). A penalty of up to five times this amount may apply to companies (Sentencing Act 1995).

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

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

Signage examples

Builders and painters:

Registered individual:

Full name and registration number
Telephone number

Registered company:

Company's full name (including Pty Ltd) and registration number
Telephone number
Nominated supervisor's full name and registration number

Registered partnership:

All partners' full names and registration numbers
Telephone number
Nominated supervisor's full name and registration number

Owner-builders:

Owner-builder:

Full name
Telephone number
Owner-builder approval number

Building surveyors:

Registered individual:

Registered name and registration number
Trading name (if different to registered name)
Class of registration

Registered company:

Company's full name (including Pty Ltd) and registration number
Trading name (if different to registered name)
Class of registration
Nominated supervisor's full name and registration number

Registered partnership:

All partners' full names and registration number
Trading name (if different to registered name)
Class of registration
Nominated supervisor's full name and registration number

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