

New workplace health and safety laws fact sheet



Examples of how the construction definition may be applied

Construction of a new building or refurbishment of an existing building, with fit-out

This fact sheet should be read in conjunction with the fact sheet *What is construction work under the new definition?*

These examples are for illustration only and are not exhaustive. The table has been categorised into four phases:

1. concept development, planning and design
2. site preparation
3. doing
4. completing.

The table also includes activities that are additional to these phases.

Y indicates the work **is** construction work under the new definition.

N indicates the work **is not** construction work under the new definition.

Note: the activities within the phases have not been placed in order of progress

Phase	Activity	Construction work
Concept development, planning and design	Lot surveying	N
	Soil testing	N
	Design, plans and drawings	N
	Specification preparation	N
	Engineer certification	N
	Estimation/quantity surveying	N
	Contract finalisation	N
	Notifications and approvals	N
Site preparation	Structure siting	Y
	Excavation	Y
	Retaining	Y
	Site draining	Y
	Delivery and placement of fill	Y
Doing	Foundation and slab excavation	Y
	Foundation and slab pours	Y
	Plumbing and drainage	Y
	Electricity supply	Y
	Lift and hoist installation	Y
	Blockwork	Y
	Installation of pre-cast panels	Y
	Pre and post tensioning	Y
	Window and door installation	Y
	Frame and truss erection	Y
	Roof installation	Y
	Ducted air-conditioning installation	Y
	Insulation installation	Y
	Floor installation – structural	Y
	Floor covering installation	Y
Floor finishing, e.g. polishing	Y	

Phase	Activity	Construction work
Doing	Exterior wall and ceiling installation	Y
	Interior wall and ceiling treatment, e.g. painting, tiling	Y
	Exterior wall treatment, e.g. rendering, painting, stone cladding	Y
	Termite protection	Y
	Waterproofing	Y
	Cabinet installation	Y
	Cooling tower installation	Y
	Refrigeration and heating appliance installation	Y
	Boiler assembly, installation and commissioning	Y
	Generator installation and commissioning	Y
	Stone installation (cabinet tops)	Y
	Sporting/leisure facilities construction (pools, tennis courts, bowling greens)	Y
	Gas supply	Y
	Driveway installation	Y
Completing	Window treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • insect screens • tinting • furnishings (blinds, curtains, etc) • exterior (non-structural hoods/blinds/screens) 	Y
	Landscaping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • landfill • irrigation systems • planting • turfing • paving • retaining walls • barbecue construction 	Y
	Non-ducted air-conditioning installation	Y
	Watertank installation	Y
Additional to site preparation, doing and completing	Material delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bricks • windows • frame • concrete • plasterboard 	N
	Erection of scaffolding/screens	Y
	Erection of tower cranes	Y
	Engineer/building inspections and certification	N
	On-site concrete panel casting	Y
	Trench shield locating and shoring installation	Y
	Trench benching and battering	Y
	Installation of temporary personnel and materials (p and m) hoists and lifts	Y
	Maintenance of temporary plant, e.g. p and m hoists and lifts, generators, compressors, refrigerators	N
	Repair of temporary plant, e.g. p and m hoists and lifts, generators, compressors, refrigerators	N
	Installation of temporary amenities	N
	Installation of gantries and temporary fencing	Y
	Datum surveying	Y
	Crane operation	Y

Further information

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