

**Table: BUILDERS LICENSING IN AUSTRALIA**

**Licence eligibility & entry requirements for residential builders and trade contractors (excludes occupational licences)**

	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA	ACT	NT	TAS
<b>Minimum age</b>	18	-	-	21	21	-	-	-
<b>Personal probity</b>	Fit, proper person test	Fit, proper person test	Character requirements	Person is of good character	Fit, proper person test	-	-	-
<b>Practical experience (for builders)</b>	2 years	2 to 4years relevant experience depending on the class of licence	3 years	7 years	Written references for last 12-18 months	Statement Of Practical Experience required with written references	3 years	3 years
<b>Minimum Training Qualification for builders *</b>	Cert IV in Building	Cert IV in Building	Cert IV in Building	Diploma of Building and Construction	Cert IV in Building	Cert IV in Building	Cert IV in Building	Cert IV in Building
<b>Trade contractors required to be licensed?</b>	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
<b>Minimum Training Qualification for trade contractors licence</b>	The qualifications required depends upon the class of licence the applicant is applying for. The majority of trade license classifications require relevant cert III qualification, this includes carpentry, joinery, bricklaying, painting etc, however there are other license classes which require other qualifications.	The amount of experience and extent of references needed is dependent upon the class of licence the applicant is after  Someone applying for a Carpentry Licence will need to complete a Certificate III in carpentry, show 2 years worth of experience and back that experience up with 3 phone references.	Licence not required if not contracting with general public	<u>For painters only</u> - a. The Painter's Registration Skill Set (or previous Certificate IV in Painters' Registration) and passed the Painters' Registration Board's Practical Trade Test; b. To have completed an apprenticeship and passed the Painters' Registration Board's written assessment; or c. Qualifications or experience that the Painters' Registration Board would consider are equal to these qualifications.	The qualification required is a Certificate III in general construction which includes a stream specific to the trade qualification. Contractors are also required to have sufficient business knowledge. Those who have not run a business for at least 12 months in the last 5 years are required to undertake Business Skills course (6 hours which encapsulates legal and business skills).	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>Bankruptcy/ insolvency exclusions from holding a licence</b>	yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Associated person exclusions</b>	yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
<b>Financial/ Asset test</b>	Nil	<p>SC1– AATO of less than \$100,000 (not available for Builder Licensed Contractors, Builder Licensed Partnerships or Builder Licensed Companies)</p> <p>SC2 – AATO between \$100,000 and \$300,000</p> <p>Category 1-3 – AATO Between #300,001 and \$12 million</p> <p>Category 4-8 – AATO of more than \$12 million</p>	Nil	Builder to produce sufficient material and financial resources		Nil	Net Tangible Assets of \$50,000	Net Tangible Assets of \$50,000

\* The qualifications detailed for builders are for those undertaking construction on detached residential dwellings. In some states and territories additional qualifications may be required to undertake commercial or high rise construction.

\* Some states and territories also offer a site supervisor's licence. In Queensland for applicants wanting a Site Supervisor Licence, the BSA requires only a Formal Technical Qualification to be supplied. The applicant does not need to show experience, financial information or meet the BSA's Ft & Proper person criteria.

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