

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION CODE (NCC)?

The NCC provides the minimum necessary requirements for safety, health, amenity and sustainability in the design and construction of new buildings (and new building work in existing buildings) throughout Australia.

NCC Volume One

primarily applies to Class 2 to 9 buildings which are commercial, industrial and multi-residential buildings.

NCC Volume Two

primarily applies to Class 1 and 10 buildings which are houses, sheds and carports.

NCC Volume Three

applies to plumbing and drainage for all classes of buildings.

The Performance Requirements Extract

of the NCC is a collection of the Performance Requirements for all classes of buildings and reflects the only legal requirements of the NCC.

The NCC is a 'performance-based code'. This allows flexibility in how you comply with the Code and encourages innovation.

The NCC also includes Deemed-to-Satisfy Provisions (prescriptive solutions), which can be used to comply with the Performance Requirements.

As both a legally enforceable and technical document, the NCC uses specific language and terms. Words with special meanings are defined or have explanatory information accompanying them.

The NCC references many documents including Australian Standards, which are developed by Standards Australia and sold by SAI Global - not the ABCB.



The primary users of the NCC include architects, builders, plumbers, building certifiers/surveyors, hydraulic consultants and engineers.

The NCC contains different requirements for each building classification. The class of building is determined by its purpose.

The NCC is given legal effect through State & Territory Building Control legislation.

The ABCB, which produces the NCC, has supporting materials and resources that may assist you in further understanding and applying the NCC. Visit www.abcb.gov.au for more information.

