

BUILDING CODE OF AUSTRALIA (BCA)

The Building Code of Australia is produced and maintained by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) on behalf of the Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. The BCA has been given the status of building regulations by all States and Territories. The performance based building code was adopted by most of the States and Territories in 1997 and the remainder in 1998. The BCA is amended biannually as agreed by the states and territories to maintain currency.

The BCA contains technical provisions for the design and construction of buildings and other structures, covering such matters as structure, fire resistance, access and egress, fire-fighting equipment, mechanical ventilation, lift installations, and certain aspects of health and amenity. The intent of the Code is to provide the minimum regulatory requirements (societal minimum goals) for buildings in Australia. The terms 'minimum regulatory requirements' and 'societal minimum goals' are intended to describe levels of safety, risk and hazard for buildings acceptable to the community.

See [*classes of building*](#)