

Working as a Building Designer in Tasmania

Information for AMR deemed registrations

Purpose

This info sheet outlines the requirements for interstate building designers wanting to work in Tasmania using Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR).

For more information on AMR, visit www.cbos.tas.gov.au/AMR.

Am I eligible for AMR?

To be eligible to work as a building designer in Tasmania using AMR, you need:

- A current building designer licence from your home state/territory; and
- Be covered by a professional indemnity insurance policy in accordance with Tasmania's consumer protection requirements ([click here for consumer protection requirements](#)).

If you are eligible and want to start working in Tasmania, **you must notify** the Tasmanian Government of your intention to work via [Occupational Licensing - Application Start \(justice.tas.gov.au\)](#).

Several circumstances may prevent you from using AMR, including:

- If you've been suspended from holding your licence or have had conditions imposed on your licence as a result of disciplinary action in your home state or another state/territory;
- You have been subject to disciplinary, criminal or civil action against you within Australia with respect to your licence;
- You have been refused a licence in another state/territory; or
- You have permanently relocated to Tasmania from another state/territory.

What activities can I perform in Tasmania using AMR?

AMR allows you to perform the same work you are licensed to perform in your home jurisdiction within any other participating jurisdiction.

After notifying the Tasmanian Government of your intention to work in Tasmania and checking that you comply with our public protection requirements (including insurance requirements), you can then commence work, ensuring you only work within the scope of your Home State licence.

To find out more on the consumer protection requirements for your licence type, see cbos.tas.gov.au/consumer-protection-requirements

Example:

Lakshmi holds a building designer licence in Victoria and wishes to undertake building design work for a project in Tasmania. Lakshmi's Victorian building designer licence is as a **Draftsperson – Building Design (Interior)**, meaning that Lakshmi may carry out building design functions in Victoria, including preparing plans and specifications for building interiors that affect the structure of the building.

After Lakshmi notifies the Tasmanian Government of her intention to work in Tasmania and having complied with Tasmania's public protection (insurance) requirements, Lakshmi may work as a building designer in Tasmania, limited to the same limitations as she has in Victoria.

Lakshmi must also comply with all relevant local law requirements under Tasmania's Building Regulatory Framework, including the requirements set out in the *Building Act 2016* (Tas) and *Occupational Licensing Act 2005* (Tas). These requirements include using all the approved forms, undertaking Continuing Professional Development, and complying with Tasmania's building services provider code of conduct.

How do I start using AMR in Tasmania?

To start working in Tasmania using AMR, you must complete a notification. To complete your notification, go to [Occupational Licensing - Application Start \(justice.tas.gov.au\)](http://justice.tas.gov.au/occupational-licensing-application-start).

As part of completing your notification, you will need to provide a summary of your licence scope of work, proof of your current licence, proof of identity, and evidence of your professional indemnity insurance.

Tasmania may contact other regulators concerning your deemed registration.

You can commence work in Tasmania as soon as you have completed your notification and comply with Tasmania's public protection requirements.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing professional development (CPD) is mandatory for all persons carrying on work prescribed under the *Occupational Licensing Act 2005*, including building designers. You must comply with CPD requirements and may be subject to audit and investigation at any time.

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More information on CPD requirements for licensees is [available here](#).

Other information

There are several important Acts, Regulations and Determinations which set Tasmania's building regulatory framework. Some of these are listed below.

Legislation

- [Building Act 2016](#)
- [Building Regulations 2016](#)
- [Residential Building Work Contracts and Dispute Resolution Act 2016](#)
- [Occupational Licensing Act 2005](#)

Approved Forms

- [Certificate of the Responsible Designer](#)

Other Important Documents

- [Guide to the Building Act 2016](#)
- [Director's Determinations:](#)
 - [Categories of Building and Demolition Work](#)
 - [Hazardous Areas](#)
 - [Protection Work](#)
- [Administrator's Determination:](#)
 - [Building Services Providers \(incl. Code of Conduct, CPD & insurance requirements\)](#)

Online portal for property development

PlanBuild Tasmania will deliver a single access point for the industry, property owners and councils to obtain information on planning and building rules for their development projects and manage the planning, building, plumbing and related public and environmental health applications across Tasmania.

The Enquiry service provides free, online access to planning information, spatial data and mapping services and regulatory requirements relating to planning, building and referral authority approvals.

Future functionality will include the online lodgement of applications.

Visit planbuild.tas.gov.au for more information and to start an enquiry.

More information

For more information visit www.cbos.tas.gov.au, or contact us at CBOS.info@justice.tas.gov.au, or phone **1300 654 499**.

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