



Which version of the Implementation Guidelines applies to your project?

The National Code sets minimum standards that businesses must meet to be eligible for certain Australian Government building and construction work.

The National Code Implementation Guidelines provide supporting detail on compliance requirements.

WHICH CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE NATIONAL CODE?

The National Code of Practice for the Construction Industry (National Code) and the Australian Government Implementation Guidelines for the National Code (Guidelines) apply to Australian building projects funded by the Australian Government according to the following funding values:

- **directly funded by the Australian Government** – all construction activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Australian Government. This applies irrespective of the total value of the project.
- **indirectly funded by the Australian Government** – building and construction work where the Australian Government contributes
 - at least \$5 million, and the funding represents at least 50 per cent of the total construction project value, or
 - \$10 million or more, irrespective of the proportion the Australian Government funding represents of the total construction project value.

PRIVATELY FUNDED PROJECTS

A contractor who submits a tender or expression of interest in an Australian Government funded project on or after 1 November 2005 must apply the National Code to any privately funded building and construction work they undertake that commences after that date.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH VERSION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES APPLY?

There are several versions of the Guidelines. Which version applies to a construction project depends on the date the expressions of interest or tenders were first called for.

Date when expressions of interest or tenders were first called for	Applicable Guidelines
On or after 1 August 2009	2009 Guidelines (purple cover)
From 1 November 2005 to 31 July 2009	2006 Guidelines (blue cover)

If you are working on a National Code project that had an expression of interest or tender advertised prior to 1 November 2005 then contact the ABCC hotline on 1800 003 338 for assistance on what version of the Guidelines will apply.

The version of the Guidelines that apply on a particular construction project should be stated in the 'Request for Tender' documents. If not, you should contact your head contractor or responsible government agency.

The version of the Guidelines that applies at the commencement of the project will continue to apply for the life of the project.

FURTHER INFORMATION

To make an enquiry or obtain copies of the National Code and Guidelines, fact sheets and other reference material, contact:

The Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner

- Hotline: 1800 003 338
- Website: www.abcc.gov.au
- Email: enquiry@abcc.gov.au

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

- National Code Mailbox: building@deewr.gov.au
- National Code Hotline: 1300 731 293

For an assessment of workplace arrangements for National Code compliance, visit

- Code Assessments Online: www.deewr.gov.au/building



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