22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)

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Accreditation period: 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2023

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| 4. Copyright acknowledgement     | Copyright of the following units of competency from nationally endorsed training packages is administered by the Commonwealth of Australia and can be accessed from training.gov.au at <www.training.gov.au>. © Commonwealth of Australia The following unit of competency:  
- CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry is from the **CPC Construction Plumbing and Services Training Package**. The following units of competency:  
  - BSBPMG415 Apply project risk management techniques  
  - BSBSMB404 Undertake small business planning are from the **BSB Business Services Training Package**. |
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6. Course accrediting body

| Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) |

7. AVETMISS information

| ANZSCO code – 6 digit |
| Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations |
| 232000 Architects, Designers, Planners and Surveyors |
| ASCED Code – 4 digit |
| Field of Education |
| 0401 Architecture and Urban Environment |
| National course code |
| 22477VIC |

8. Period of accreditation

| 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2023 |
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<td><strong>2.1 Purpose of the course</strong></td>
<td>The 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) provides an accredited training program and vocational outcomes for a person to be employed as a building designer or draftsperson. On completion of the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) participants will have the skills and knowledge to design and develop architectural working drawings for the construction of residential, commercial and industrial buildings, thereby enabling them to:</td>
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<td>- interpret client needs through sketch and design</td>
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<td>- interpret building legislation</td>
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<td>- utilise technology to develop plans and documentation for construction methods and specifications</td>
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<td>- liaise with building surveyors and builders</td>
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<td>- negotiate with local council</td>
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<td>- understand probable cost comparisons</td>
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<td><strong>3.1 Industry/enterprise/community needs</strong></td>
<td>Background</td>
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<td>The first Victorian accredited course for this vocation was developed and accredited on 1 January 2009 in response to the reduced capacity of the (then) South Australian curriculum to meet building industry developments within Victoria. Over time, the accredited course has evolved in parallel with industry and societal needs and is now undergoing its third reaccreditation with the VRQA.</td>
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Graduates of the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) are likely to be employed as building designers, architectural assistants, building design assistants or architectural draftspersons. They may work in small and large building design, architectural and construction businesses, and apply their skill to residential and non-residential developments. Employment growth is also occurring within niche areas, such as commercial kitchen design.

Graduates may apply for registration to become registered building practitioners by the Victorian Building Authority (VBA), subject to meeting specified criteria. This qualification is the only qualification recognised by the VBA that leads to a registered outcome for this occupation and is cited within the Building Interim Regulations 2017.

Eligibility of the expired accredited course (22268VIC) within the VET Student Loans program implemented in 2017, evidences Federal Government support for the qualification, recognising the vocational outcome as having a high national priority, meeting industry need and aligning with real employment outcomes. It is assumed that Federal Government support for this accredited course will continue.

Registration

The VBA requires the attainment of the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) as the minimum educational requirement for satisfying the knowledge required for registration as a draftsperson within the building design (architectural) category. Evidence of at least two years of appropriate practical experience must also be demonstrated to satisfy the skill required for registration, as part of the Building Interim Regulations 2017 of Victoria. At the time of document development, the proposed accredited course will sustain and facilitate a registered outcome for graduates seeking to practice in Victoria.

Community

Building safety underpins the National Construction Code (NCC) and is of paramount importance to the community. Building designers have a seminal role in establishing building safety at the initial stage of the building supply chain. The unit VU22459 Design safe buildings is unique to this qualification and has been developed to address the application of safe design principles to control occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) risk during building design, construction and use.

\[^1\] VBA Practitioner Guide, VBA, Dec 2017 p.3
\[^2\] VBA Practitioner Guide, VBA, Dec 2017 p.4
An emerging issue and important aspect of building related safety is material substitution compliance and knowledge of how to source information concerning materials performance.

A number of incidents related to material substitution have been cited in recent times that pose serious health and safety risks to the general public.

A Senate inquiry, initiated on 23 June 2015 in response to the Lacrosse apartment fire at Melbourne’s docklands (November 2014), drew attention to the use of combustible non-compliant external cladding and the role it played in contributing to the rapid vertical spread of fire. Federal and State Governments have responded with a number of initiatives to ensure product and fire related safety issues are appropriately addressed.

The risks associated with material substitution and the use of non-conforming/non-compliant building products are high, and therefore it is vital that students understand how to locate and interpret product compliance information. It was decided to address this expressly as a ‘learning skill’ within the units, VU22457 Comply with relevant legislation in the design of residential buildings and VU22458 Comply with relevant legislation in the design of commercial buildings and as part of ‘required knowledge’ (refer to the nature of construction materials, including emerging technologies, and their effect on performance) within the unit, VU22464 Select construction materials for building projects.

Ministerial queries were received by the Victorian Department of Education and Training in late 2016 in response to a number of incidents reported by the media of deficient ‘protection work’ causing damage to adjoining properties during construction projects. A focused review of this practice was therefore undertaken as part of the reaccreditation process. The project steering committee (PSC) concluded that ‘protection work’ is sufficiently addressed within existing units as part of ‘siting requirements’, and noted that the topic is part of the building surveyor’s role in the planning phase of a construction project.

Limited land supply has intensified competition for residential housing and influenced the use of building design skills toward renovation and multi-storey development. Guidelines, such as the Liveable Housing Guidelines 2012 and the Better Apartment Design Standards 2017, have been introduced to ensure living standards are not compromised. All planning schemes in Victoria were amended regarding minimum standards in March 2017. Relevant units have been amended to include the use of Australian Standards within their respective range statements.

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\[\text{Non-confirming building products interim report: aluminium composite cladding, Economics References Committee, Sep 2017, Ch2, p.5.}\]
Industry

Over the last five years macro-economic factors, such as low interest rates, subdued wages growth and a rising population have combined to drive expansion of the construction industry and consequent demand for architectural and drafting services.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data reveals the value of non-residential building approvals has trended upwards over the past five years.

Housing Industry Australia (HIA) reported record highs across Australia in 2016 for new home building. For the first time ever, more apartments were built than houses in the December 2016 quarter.

Latest reports suggest the supply of housing is now closer to meeting demand, and that building activity will soften slightly in 2018, in the high rise living space, as a consequence. Overall demand for housing is still expected to remain at elevated levels however, as population growth continues to be buoyed by strong overseas migration.

Building activity related to established dwellings continues to be robust, with the value of renovation investment anticipated to reach $32.5 billion in 2018. This unprecedented building activity, coupled with relatively static enrolment figures, has created significant levels of competition for experienced draftspersons by architectural firms.

Recruitment difficulties have been reported in the states of Victoria and South Australia for architectural draftspersons, particularly for vacancies related to residential design projects. In April 2017, a national shortage was reported for the related occupation of ‘architect’ (a traditional employer of architectural draftspersons) and added to the Skill Shortage List Australia from 18 August 2017.

The future of the domestic construction industry is strong in the short to medium term, with positive employment projections reported across all ANZSIC construction employment categories for five years to May 2022. The employment category of architectural, building and surveying technicians is expected to rise by 10% to 72,900 during that period.

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4 HIA Media Release, 28 May 2017
6 HIA Media Release – Australia’s $31.4 billion home renovations market, 7 Oct 2016.
8 2017 Industry Employment Projections – five years to May 2022, Department of Employment.
9 2017 Occupational Projections – five years to May 2022, Department of Employment.
As these professions represent the beginning of the supply chain for construction activity, qualified and experienced personnel are required to adequately resource the workforce to avoid project delays and meet industry demand. Due to the supply of domestic graduates not fulfilling current industry demand, the occupation of architectural draftsperson (312111) was added to the Skilled Occupation List 2017-2018 by the Department of Immigration as part of their migrant visa programs.

**Qualification review**

A suite of three building design qualifications were first developed within the CPP07 Property Services Training Package (release 9.0) in February 2012, at the Diploma, Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma levels. A fourth qualification at the Certificate IV level was introduced in March 2015, after the Victorian accredited course was developed in June 2014.

At the time of the accredited course development, the Skills Forecast that informs the National Schedule of Projects related to training package development for the property services industry (developed by Artibus Innovation – Skills Service Organisation) did not include the development of a new national qualification for building designers at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 6.

Review of the national register on VET in Australia’s website [https://training.gov.au/](https://training.gov.au/), confirms there is no AQF level 6 qualification in building design within the CPP Property Services Training Package (release 5.0) or the CPP07 Property Services Training Package (release 14.5).

The accredited course is the only Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) available in Australia. It is also the only qualification recognised by the VBA that provides the minimum registration requirements to operate as ‘draftsperson (architectural)’ for the State of Victoria.

**Target group for the course**

A diverse range of participants undertake this course, they may include:

- qualified tradespeople from related trades in the building and construction industry
- existing workers in building design who wish to upgrade their current qualifications or apply for registration to become a registered building practitioner
- students who have completed their Victorian Certificate of Education
- mature age students seeking career change.
## Course enrolments

Course enrolment data from 2014 to 2017 is displayed in Table 1.

*Source: HESG, Department of Education and Training Victoria.*

### Table 1: Course enrolments

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<th>Year</th>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>1388</td>
<td>325</td>
<td>1713</td>
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*Denotes enrolment figures for equivalent (superseded) accredited course, 21953VIC.

## Ongoing demand for the course

Artibus Innovation projects employment growth of 9% in the five years to 2019 for architectural, building and surveying technicians. As building design represents the beginning of the supply chain for construction activity, qualified and experienced personnel are required to adequately resource the workforce to avoid project delays and meet industry demand. This qualification assists in providing the required labour supply.

## Course consultation and validation process

PSC members represent the major stakeholders invested in the accredited course (refer to PSC composition). Trainers and assessors of the RTO network group, i.e. the Victorian Advanced Building Studies Network (VABSN) were represented by one PSC member. Building designers in industry were represented through the executive and PSC member from the Building Design Association of Victoria (BDAV). Key individual enterprises also held positions, from regional and metropolitan areas characterising businesses in terms of size, subject area specialty, and geographic region.

Consultation with the group involved:

- email and telephone consultation to form the PSC and confirm draft content
- a review of the skills and knowledge profile of an architectural draftsperson
- three PSC meetings held on 13 June 2017, 31 October 2017 and a teleconference on the 21 March 2018, to review and evaluate the course structure and content in reference to contemporary architectural drafting practices and the AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses 2007
- one workshop with members of the VABSN to confirm draft unit amendments
- two meetings with subject matter experts within the VABSN to review relevant draft unit amendments.

Review of course content was circulated via the PSC member representatives (both network and industry) to ensure maximum participation and input to potential course modification. Feedback was evaluated and included, where required.

Desktop reviews of current building and construction industry statistics and related building design research was also undertaken to support the development of the accredited course.

**Project steering committee**

The reaccreditation of the course was guided by a PSC comprised of the following members:

- Susan Gaylor, Victorian Building Authority
- Kate Bell, Building Design Association of Victoria
- Catherine Ciaverella, Victorian Advanced Building Studies Network
- Alex Cornall, Cornall Building Design
- Tim Ellis, GLOW Design Group
- Geoff Hoare, Graaph Design
- Rhys Davies, Supernatural Group
- Jane Clancy, Swinburne University
- Wayne Ketchen, The Gordon

In attendance:

- Ms Teresa Signorello, Curriculum Maintenance Manager (CMM), Building and Construction, Holmesglen Institute
- Ms Susan Fechner, Project Officer, Building and Construction, Holmesglen Institute

The role of the PSC was to evaluate, confirm and validate the outcomes of the course review. The members also provided technical information throughout the project.

The outcomes of several national units were carefully considered by the PSC with respect to their potential relevance and application to the course context.
This course:
- does not duplicate, by title or coverage, the outcomes of an endorsed training package qualification
- is not a subset of a single training package qualification that could be recognised through one or more statements of attainment or a skill set
- does not include units of competency additional to those in a training package qualification that could be recognised through statements of attainment in addition to the qualification
- does not comprise units that duplicate units of competency of a training package qualification.

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<td>Course monitoring and evaluation</td>
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<td>A mid cycle review of the accredited course was undertaken from March to May 2016 to determine the relevance and currency of its outcomes to industry since reaccreditation in mid 2014. Data considered for analysis included course enrolments and survey responses from key user groups i.e. graduates, trainers and assessors and existing students of the course. A fourth survey was also distributed to industry via the BDAV. Desktop research of trending information was also considered in the course review process, consisting of industry report evaluation, appraisal of current affairs issues and monitoring of employment advertisement skill needs. Based on these findings, the PSC considered a number of areas for potential course improvement and determined the following:</td>
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<td>- the topics of architectural history, communication and negotiation, modular elements/prefabrication and small subdivisions and multi-dwelling development were represented within the curriculum at the appropriate standard and required no change</td>
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<td>- minor amendments were required to existing/relevant units to emphasise the topics of new building materials, the use of specification writing as a form of risk mitigation, and Building Information Modeling (BIM)</td>
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<td>- VU21599 Provide design solutions for residential and commercial buildings should be updated to recognise the use of emerging materials and technologies, the application of town planning controls and BIM. Changes in societal and community need compelled amendment to a range of units. Refer to section 3.1 for details.</td>
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The issue of introducing a work experience component within the course structure to enhance skill development was discussed at the first PSC meeting. It was unanimously agreed that cementing work experience within the course presented disadvantage to the student cohort.

**Transition arrangements**

The 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) replaces and is equivalent to the 22268VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural). There can be no new enrolments in the 22268VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) after 31 December 2018.

Transition arrangements, tabled below (Table 2), map the units from the previous course to units from the current course.

### Table 2: Transition arrangements

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<td>Undertake site survey and analysis to inform design process</td>
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<td>VU21588</td>
<td>Apply structural and construction technology to the design of residential buildings</td>
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<td>Apply structural and construction technology to the design of commercial buildings</td>
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<td>Design safe buildings</td>
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<td>VU21594</td>
<td>Integrate services layout into design documentation</td>
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<td>Produce preliminary and working drawings for residential buildings</td>
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<td>Produce working drawings for commercial buildings</td>
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<td>Select construction materials for building projects</td>
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<td>Provide design solutions for residential and commercial buildings</td>
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<td>Integrate digital applications into architectural workflows</td>
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<td>Present architectural designs</td>
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<td>Manage architectural project administration</td>
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<td>Undertake complex architectural projects</td>
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<td>Work safely in the construction industry</td>
<td>CPCCWHS1001</td>
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### 4. Course outcomes

**Standards 1, 2, 3 and 4 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

#### 4.1 Qualification level

Reference: Standards 1, 2 and 3 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses

The outcomes of the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) comply with the criteria of the AQF Advanced Diploma qualification type descriptor as defined by the AQF, Second Edition, January 2013.

**Knowledge**

Graduates of the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) will have specialised and integrated technical and theoretical knowledge with depth within one or more fields of work and learning, such as:

- demonstrating an understanding of specialised knowledge of structural and construction technology
- employing a range of applications required in architectural workflows
- applying the principles of sustainability and safety to building design, including the technical knowledge of selecting suitable construction materials.
Skills
Graduates of 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) will have a wide range of cognitive and communication skills, and specialised technical, creative or conceptual skills to select and apply methods and technologies to:

- identify, analyse, synthesis and act on information from a range of sources, such as the NCC and relevant legislation
- transfer specialised skills and knowledge to others, including clients, colleagues, architects and local council employees
- formulate responses to complex problems to produce innovative and compliant design outcomes
- express ideas and perspectives to promote shared understandings of project design, process and timeline requirements.

Application of skills and knowledge
Graduates of 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) will demonstrate the application of skills and knowledge:

- with depth in areas of building legislation in changing residential, commercial and industrial sector contexts
- with initiative and judgement in planning, design, technical or management functions related to building design projects
- to adapt a range of fundamental construction principles and complex drafting techniques to established and new building design concepts
- across a broad range of technical or management functions with accountability for personal outputs and personal and team outcomes within broad parameters, such as communicating and clarifying complex structures and layouts to a range of key stakeholders to gain building permit approval.

Volume of learning
The volume of learning for this qualification is typically 1.5 – 2 years and incorporates structured and unstructured learning activities. Structured activities may include reading text material, completing projects and assignments. Unstructured activities may include research, discussion with trainers and peers and investigating pathway options to independently develop and implement a learning plan appropriate to the achievement of desired learning goals.
### 4.2 Employability Skills

**Reference:** Standard 4 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses

This course has been mapped to national Employability Skills. Refer to Appendix A for Employability Skills summary for this qualification.

### 4.3 Recognition given to the course (if applicable)

**Reference:** Standard 5 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses

Graduates seeking to register as a building practitioner and practice as a sole practitioner in Victoria must satisfy the requirements set out by the VBA for the category of Building Design DP-AD (Architectural).


**Professional development**

Participants undertaking this qualification, or part thereof, are expected to continue to develop their professional skills and knowledge through partaking in relevant and contemporary formal/informal training activities. Membership of relevant professional associations could also assist in enhancing professional practice.

### 4.4 Licensing/ regulatory requirements (if applicable)

**Reference:** Standard 5 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses

Participants who visit a construction site will require a Construction Induction Card (CIC) issued by WorkSafe Victoria.


There are no other licensing requirements for this course.

### 5. Course rules

**Standards 2, 6, 7 and 9 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

### 5.1 Course structure

To be awarded the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) all 20 units of competency must be achieved.

All units are **core** to provide a consistent outcome for graduates with skills that allow for broad employment opportunities.

Participants who exit the program without completing all of the required units will receive a statement of attainment identifying those units that they have achieved.
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VU22468 | 040199 | Manage architectural project administration | Nil | 60
VU22469 | 040199 | Undertake complex architectural projects | Nil | 280
VU22470 | 040199 | Conduct, interpret and apply a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment | Nil | 50
CPCCWHS1001 | 061301 | Prepare to work safely in the construction industry | Nil | 6
BSBSMB404 | 080301 | Undertake small business planning | Nil | 50
BSBPMG415 | 080315 | Apply project risk management techniques | Nil | 40

Total nominal hours 2086

### 5.2 Entry requirements

Reference: Standard 9 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses

There are no entry requirements for the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural).

The following is a general guide to the learning, reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy skills of learners aligned to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), details of which can be accessed from: [https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/acsf_document.pdf](https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/acsf_document.pdf).

Applicants for the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) are best equipped to successfully undertake the qualification if they have a demonstrated capacity in learning, reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy to level 3 of the ACSF. Learners with language, literacy and numeracy skills at lower levels than those suggested will require additional support to successfully undertake the qualification.
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<td><strong>6.1 Assessment strategy</strong></td>
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<td>All assessment, including recognition of prior learning (RPL), must be compliant with the requirements of:</td>
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<td>• Standard 1 of the AQTF: Essential Conditions and Standards for Initial/Continuing Registration and Guidelines 4.1 and 4.2 of the VRQA Guidelines for VET Providers, OR</td>
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<td>• the Standards for Registered Training Organisations 2015 (SRTOs), OR</td>
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<td>• the relevant standards and guidelines for RTOs at the time of assessment.</td>
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<td>These standards ensure that the assessment strategies meet the requirement of the course.</td>
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<td>Assessment must be consistent with the conditions and method of assessment specified in each unit.</td>
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<td>Assessment methods and collection of evidence will involve application of skills and knowledge to building design/drafting workplaces or simulated environments.</td>
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<td>All assessment activities will be related to a building design context.</td>
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<td>It is recommended that the assessment strategy for the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural) include a range of assessment methods, such as:</td>
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<td>• observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of building specifications and required documentation</td>
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<td>• practical assessment in the development of a set of working drawings</td>
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<td>• sketches and digitally generated images for the presentation of a design concept</td>
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<td>• portfolio of documentation for an architectural project, including preliminary drawings and design images.</td>
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<td>Assessment strategies for imported units from training packages should be consistent with the assessment requirements/evidence guides for the relevant training packages.</td>
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<td>While there is no compulsory workplace assessment for the qualification, assessment for the unit VU22470 Conduct, interpret and apply a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment, is required to be conducted ‘on-site’.</td>
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### 6.2 Assessor competencies

**Reference: Standard 12 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

Assessment must be undertaken by a person or persons in accordance with:

- Standard 1.4 of the AQTF: Essential Conditions and Standards for Initial/Continuing Registration and Guideline 3 of the VRQA Guidelines for VET Providers, OR
- the SRTOs 2015, OR
- the relevant standards and guidelines for RTOs at the time of assessment.

All assessment of units imported from training packages must reflect the requirements for assessors specified in the relevant training packages.

### 7. Delivery

**Standards 11 and 12 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

#### 7.1 Delivery modes

**Reference: Standard 11 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

The course may be offered on a full or part-time basis. Participants should be exposed to real-work environments and examples/case studies where possible. OHS/WHS and environmental factors must be incorporated and reinforced at every opportunity.

Delivery strategies should recognise the nature of the units and the learning styles of the participants. Some units may address common content, therefore integration may be appropriate.

The objective of the course is to develop practical competencies within an industry context. Practical demonstrations in the form of realistic, holistic projects that provide participants with a sense of ‘real-work’ experience are considered most suitable to achieving this aim. Exercises and assignments are also deemed suitable.

Delivery of units of competency may involve a blended delivery mode, including:

- workshops
- individual assignments
- team-based assignments
- applied learning in the workplace or simulated building design/drafting environment.
Learners may be supported through:

- online (internet, social media, email and telephony)
- face-to-face conferencing, mentoring and interviews
- ad hoc arrangements, and regular progress monitoring, particularly for practical work.

Delivery of units of competency imported from training packages should be contextualised to the building design/drafting environment, whilst ensuring that the delivery guidelines are adhered to.

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Training must be undertaken by a person or persons in accordance with:

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- the SRTOs 2015, OR
- the relevant standards and guidelines for RTOs at the time of assessment.

Resources include:

- hardware devices, such as:
  - computers
  - scanners
  - digitisers
  - printers/plotters
  - digital projectors/display devices
  - external storage devices
  - workstation platform.
- digital software, which could include:
  - BIM and integrated BIM software applications
  - design documentation software
  - graphic development and/or editing software
  - internet and network communication platforms
  - multimedia, animation and rendering software.
- basic surveying equipment, including levels
- hand sketching materials
- materials for model building
- internet access
- relevant legislation as defined in the range statement.
8. Pathways and articulation

**Standard 8 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

This qualification comprises three nationally endorsed units of competency from the following training packages:

- BSB Business Services
- CPC Construction, Plumbing and Services.

Participants who successfully complete any of these units will gain credit transfer in relation to qualifications that contain them.

There are no formal articulation arrangements in place at the time of accreditation.

9. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation

**Standard 13 AQTF Standards for Accredited Courses**

The Curriculum Maintenance Manager, Building Industries is responsible for the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the 22477VIC Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural).

Formal course evaluations will be undertaken halfway through the accreditation period.

Any significant changes to the course resulting from course monitoring and evaluation procedures will be reported to the VRQA through a formal amendment process.
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The following is a list of imported units of competency for this course, which can be downloaded from the national register, <https://training.gov.au/>:

- CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry
- BSBSMB404 Undertake small business planning
- BSBPMG415 Apply project risk management techniques
### Unit code and title

**Unit code and title**

| VU22454 Undertake site survey and analysis to inform design process |

### Unit descriptor

**Unit descriptor**

This unit specifies the outcomes required to undertake a site survey and a site analysis for residential and commercial building projects. It includes the use of basic surveying equipment, recording and interpretation of data, and evaluation of, and compliance with relevant legislation.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).

### Employability Skills

**Employability Skills**

This unit contains Employability Skills.

### Application of the unit

**Application of the unit**

This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required by building designers to undertake a basic site survey and a site analysis for building projects within the context of relevant legislation.

### ELEMENT

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

### PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge and/or the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

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<td><strong>1.1 Relevant information and documentation</strong> is collected prior to undertaking survey.</td>
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<td><strong>1.2</strong> On-site <em>occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) hazards</em> are identified, controls implemented and appropriate documentation completed, according to <em>workplace safety procedures</em>.</td>
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<td><strong>1.3</strong> Levelling equipment is identified and inspected for damage, wear and serviceability.</td>
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<td><strong>Undertake a site analysis and record site and building information</strong></td>
<td><strong>2.1</strong> Relationship of site to adjoining properties and <em>surrounding environment</em> is identified and recorded to establish the context of the development.</td>
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<td><strong>2.2</strong> <em>Physical characteristics</em> and <em>local climate conditions</em> of the site are noted and recorded for consideration in the design of the building.</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Field sketches are produced which accurately record site and building elements in plan, elevation and section.</td>
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<td>Field sketch data is transferable to accurate, scaled measured drawing format.</td>
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<td>Digital images of relevant site and building elements are taken, where required, to assist in the development of accurate scaled measured drawings.</td>
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<td>Measure and record linear distances on-site using basic surveying equipment</td>
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<td>3.1</td>
<td>Distances are measured accurately using <strong>basic surveying equipment</strong>.</td>
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<td>3.2</td>
<td>Overall distances are accurately calculated from field data.</td>
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<td>Interpret and apply data from a site survey to determine horizontal and vertical angles</td>
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<td>4.1</td>
<td>Collate site analysis data to determine site features, existing conditions and levels.</td>
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<td>Preliminary levels are determined both horizontal and vertical angles to inform initial design processes.</td>
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<td>Results are recorded according to workplace procedures.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Plot contours and cut and fill</td>
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<td>Spot level values are used to interpolate contour lines, which are plotted accurately in plan.</td>
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<td>Cut and fill batters are calculated and accurately plotted in plan and section.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Produce measured drawings and documentation for existing conditions</td>
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<td>Measured drawings and site details are developed from site survey and site analysis data.</td>
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<td>Measured drawings and site details are produced to scale, accurately depicting site and building elements, and within accepted time frames and to industry standards.</td>
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<td>Documentation is completed in compliance with the <strong>relevant legislation</strong> and guidelines.</td>
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## REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

*This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.*

### Required skills:

- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret:
    - field data/geo digital databases
    - reports
    - site plan
    - land title
    - specifications
    - working drawings
    - project requirements
    - organisational procedures
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions

- **Written skills to:**
  - accurately record and interpret site measurements and other data to industry standards
  - produce field sketches

- **Numeracy skills to apply measurements and calculations**

- **Problem solving skills to interpret reports, working drawings and specifications**

- **Planning and organisational skills to:**
  - collect, organise and analyse information for site analysis
  - prepare equipment for site survey

- **Technological skills to:**
  - complete documentation and calculations
  - use basic survey equipment

- **Work safely in a design drafting working environment and on a site according to relevant legislation and workplace policies and procedures**

### Required knowledge:

- Specifications and capabilities of basic surveying equipment and application
- Australian Drawing Standards/other industry standards related to the production of measured drawings
- Process for the administration and preparation of working drawings, specifications and other relevant documentation
- Workplace OHS/WHS procedures and documentation
RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

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<td>• significant trees and vegetation on adjoining properties and in the public realm</td>
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<td>• street frontage features, such as service poles, street trees, kerb crossovers, bus stops and other services</td>
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<td>• views, private open spaces and solar access of neighbouring properties.</td>
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| **Physical characteristics** include: | • access and connection points  
| | • contours and geotechnical conditions, where appropriate  
| | • drainage and services  
| | • existing buildings  
| | • fences, boundaries and easements  
| | • noise sources  
| | • orientation  
| | • views from the site.  
| **Local climate conditions** include: | • aspect  
| | • wind direction  
| | • topography  
| | • micro climates.  
| **Basic surveying equipment** includes: | • dumpy levels  
| | • tilting level  
| | • automatic level  
| | • total stations  
| | • chains and tapes  
| | • theodolites  
| | • Global Positioning System (GPS).  
| **Relevant legislation may include:** | • Acts and ordinance  
| | • Regulations  
| | • NCC series:  
| | – Building Code of Australia (BCA), Volume 1 and 2  
| | – Plumbing Code of Australia, Volume 3  
| | • Australian Standards  
| | • practice and technical notes.  

## EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

### Overview of assessment

This unit could be assessed in the workplace or a close simulation of the workplace environment, provided that simulated or project-based assessment techniques replicate building design workplace conditions, materials, activities, responsibilities and procedures.

Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with organisational policies and procedures, including OHS/WHS
- undertake a basic site survey and a detailed site analysis for residential building and/or commercial building projects, in compliance with the applicable local government authority and relevant legislation
- produce measured drawings and other documentation detailing site information and building elements as determined by the project requirements, organisational procedures and in compliance with the applicable local government authority.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation and guidelines.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and documentation, including land title, site plan, working drawings and specifications
- measuring and levelling equipment
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards.
### Method of assessment

Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.

Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.

Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.
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| Unit descriptor     | This unit specifies the outcomes required to apply structural and construction technology to the design of residential buildings.  
It requires compliance with state legislation and the provisions for Building Code of Australia (BCA) Classes 1 and 10 and relevant Australian Standards as they apply to the structural and construction components of a residential building.  
No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  
However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural). |
| Employability Skills| This unit contains Employability Skills. |
| Application of the unit | This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required to apply structural and construction technology to the design of residential buildings, which comply with current legal responsibilities of building designers for construction methods. The outcomes of this unit do not cover the required skills and knowledge for the application of structural and construction technology to the design of commercial buildings, which are addressed in the unit, VU22456 Apply structural and construction technology to the design of commercial buildings. |

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| 1 | Apply the legislative requirements for the design of residential buildings | 1.1 | Relevant state legislation impacting on design and construction is investigated and interpreted for a residential building.  
1.2 Relevant sections of the BCA and Australian Standards are researched and applied to the **structural and construction principles** of residential buildings.  
1.3 **Local government planning and construction regulations** are investigated and interpreted for the design and construction of a residential building. |
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| 2 | Investigate site | 2.1 Site is investigated to plan *site preparation*, which incorporates design intent and statutory requirements.  
| | | 2.2 *Existing site conditions and design and construction elements* are analysed to establish site impact on structural elements.  
| | | 2.3 Termite risk management is assessed and implemented according to the *relevant legislation*.  
| | | 2.4 Specifications for footing and slab construction design are specified and recorded in all supporting documentation, in compliance with current standards.  
| 3 | Analyse and apply construction techniques and/or methodologies | 3.1 *Structural systems* are analysed and construction methodologies are applied to solve construction system and design issues.  
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• orientation  
• platforms  
• retaining walls  
• soil classification  
• stormwater  
• surface and subsoil drainage  
• termite risk management  
• trenches. |
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• building design  
• construction systems  
• integration with building fabric  
• properties of concrete and steel reinforcing  
• set out  
• soil conditions  
• structural adequacy  
• topography. |
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• connection methods and systems  
• masonry (solid and cavity)  
• reinforcement types and placement  
• timber floor, wall and roof framing. |
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• loads  
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• altitude  
• bushfire hazards  
• cyclone categories  
• local wind loads  
• other conditions relevant to specific local conditions  
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• connection principles and methodologies  
• floor framing  
• design of floor framing layouts  
• provision for and inclusion of bracing and tie-down and services  
• roof framing:  
  • connections  
  • conventional roofing systems  
  • truss design  
  • truss layout  
• stress grading  
• wall framing:  
  • allowance for linings and finishes  
  • calculation of sizes  
  • configuration of composite timber structures  
  • jointing systems  
  • wind loads. |
| Bracing and tie-down includes: | • calculation of bracing requirements  
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• creation of bracing schedules in accordance with accepted industry standards  
• creation of tie-down schedules  
• provision of tie-down requirements and construction systems  
• selection of suitable bracing to meet requirements and construction system(s). |
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• brick or block veneers  
• expansion joints and proprietary items  
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• load bearing brickwork  
• non-loading brickwork  
• mortars  
• piers  
• shrinkage  
• ventilation bonding. |
| **Weatherproofing** includes: | • damp proof courses and flashings  
• drainage  
• sub-floor ventilation  
• agricultural drainage  
• waterproof retaining walls  
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• width of cavity. |
| **Statutory requirements for fire separation** includes: | • class of building  
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• fire resistance levels  
• fire source features  
• fire stairs and isolated stairs  
• housing in bushfire areas according to regional regulations  
• multi-residential timber-framed construction  
• non-combustible materials  
• paths of travel  
• protection of openings  
• sole occupancy units. |
| **Safe movement and access** include: | • access for maintenance, including:  
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  – built-in provision of roof hatch ladders  
  – walk platforms  
  – roof mounted services  
  – fall arrest systems  
• adequate lighting for daily use and emergencies  
• balustrade  
• handrails  
• stair tread nosings  
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• window and door frames. |
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• communication systems  
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• gas  
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## EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

### Overview of assessment

This unit could be assessed in the workplace or a close simulation of the workplace environment, provided that simulated or project-based assessment techniques replicate building design workplace conditions, materials, activities, responsibilities and procedures.

Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with legislative requirements applicable to the design of residential buildings
- apply the principles of structural and construction to the design of residential buildings in compliance with the applicable local government authority, relevant legislation and the BCA
- develop specifications for structural components of a residential building and the requirements for safe and healthy use of the building.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and documentation, including land title, site plan, working drawings and specifications and relevant legislation
- research resources, including industry-related information.
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<p>| 1 | Apply the regulatory requirements for the design of commercial buildings | 1.1 <strong>Relevant legislation</strong> impacting on design and construction is investigated and interpreted for a commercial building. |
|   |                                                                     | 1.2 Relevant sections of the BCA and Australian Standards are researched and applied to the <strong>structural and construction principles</strong> of commercial buildings. |
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### Footing systems

- bored piers
- dewatering
- driven piles
- ground stabilisation
- pad and pedestal footings
- pier and beam
- raft slabs
- retaining walls
- tanking.

### Structural systems

- bracing and tie-down
- columns, beams and lintels
- composite structures
- concrete footing and slab systems
- connection methods and systems
- masonry (solid and cavity)
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- reinforcement types and placement
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stress grading
• wall framing:
  - wind loads
  - calculation of sizes
  - configuration of composite timber structures
  - jointing systems
• allowance for linings and finishes.

**Bracing and tie-down** includes:
- calculation of bracing requirements
- calculation of tie-down requirements
- calculation of wind loads
- creation of bracing schedules in accordance with accepted industry standards
- creation of tie-down schedules
- provision of tie-down requirements and construction systems
- selection of suitable bracing to meet requirements and construction system(s).

**Steel framing systems** include:
- basic portal frame
- cold formed steel framing systems
- hot rolled steel members, e.g. columns, beams.

**Unreinforced and reinforced masonry systems** include:
- aerated autoclaved concrete
- articulation
- blockwork
- brick or block veneers
- expansion joints and proprietary items
- jointing
- load bearing brickwork
- non-loading brickwork
- mortars
- piers
- shrinkage
- ventilation bonding.

**Weatherproofing** includes:
- damp proof courses and flashings
- drainage
- ventilation
- width of cavity.
**Safeguards** include:
- design that allows for:
  - avoiding damage to other buildings
  - fire brigade intervention
  - safe evacuation of the building.

**Statutory requirements for fire separation** include:
- fire resistance levels
- fire source features
- class of building
- multi-residential timber-framed construction
- concrete, blockwork, brickwork AAC, lightweight construction, e.g. plasterboard
- protection of openings
- sole occupancy units
- paths of travel
- fire stairs and isolated stairs
- non-combustible materials
- housing in bushfire areas according to regional regulations.

**Safe movement and access** include:
- access for maintenance, including:
  - roof access
  - built-in provision of roof hatch ladders
  - walk platforms
  - roof mounted services
  - fall arrest systems
- adequate lighting for daily use and emergencies
- balustrade
- handrails
- stair tread nosings
- stairs construction
- swimming pool fencing
- tactile indicators.

**Joinery fabrication and installations** include:
- cupboards
- kitchen benching
- window and door frames.

**Services** include:
- air-conditioning
- communication systems
- electricity
- gas
- mechanical ventilation
- sewerage and drainage.
### EVIDENCE GUIDE

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### Overview of assessment

This unit could be assessed in the workplace or a close simulation of the workplace environment, provided that simulated or project-based assessment techniques replicate building design workplace conditions, materials, activities, responsibilities and procedures.

Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with legislative requirements applicable to the design of commercial buildings
- apply the principles of structural and construction to the design of commercial buildings in compliance with the applicable local government authority, relevant legislation and the BCA
- develop specifications for structural components of a commercial building.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and documentation, including land title, site plan, working drawings and specifications and relevant legislation
- appropriate support materials
- research resources, including industry-related information.
| **Method of assessment** | Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance. Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both. Evidence should:  
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles  
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments  
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role. |  
| Assessment methods may include:  
- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of construction technology  
- case study of best practice for a specific building project  
- report detailing recommended performance-based solutions to a design problem for a residential building. |  
Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff. |
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**ELEMENT**

**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency. Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge and/or the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

| 1 | Classify buildings | 1.1 | The nature of a building is determined according to use and arrangement. |
| 1 |                    | 1.2 | The criteria of the BCA are determined to apply the defined classification. |
| 1 |                    | 1.3 | BCA requirements for classifications are identified and interpreted. |

| 2 | Access and interpret relevant code and other legislative requirements | 2.1 | Victorian building regulations are referenced in relation to the hierarchy of legislation. |
| 2 |                         | 2.2 | Relevant performance requirements and provisions are determined from the National Construction Code (NCC) that applies to residential buildings. |
| 2 |                         | 2.3 | Australian Standards are accessed and interpreted. |
ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
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3 | Analyse and apply a range of solutions to a design problem

3.1 | Alternative solutions to a construction or design problem that comply with the requirements of the BCA are discussed and proposed in accordance with company policies and procedures.

3.2 | Assessment methods referenced in the BCA are analysed to determine whether a construction or design solution complies with performance requirements or Deemed-to-Satisfy (DTS) provisions of the BCA.

3.3 | Performance-based solutions are identified and documented in accordance with the BCA.

3.4 | Relevant documentation is identified and completed according to the requirements of relevant legislation.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required skills:

- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret complex documents, including:
    - relevant legislation
    - site plans
    - the BCA
    - specifications
    - working drawings
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions

- **Written skills to document design solutions and other workplace documentation**

- **Numeracy skills to apply measurements and calculations**

- **Problem solving skills to design concepts and principles in accordance with the BCA, namely BCA Classes 1 and 10**

- **Planning and organisational skills to collect, organise and analyse information from relevant legislation**

- **Teamwork skills when working with internal and external personnel**

- **Technological skills to complete documentation and calculations**

- **Learning skills to:**
  - maintain professional currency, memberships and networks
  - source current information regarding materials performance and its application

- **Work safely in a design drafting working environment and on a site according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures**
## Required knowledge:
- Legal responsibilities and obligations of building designers
- Basic design principles and the behaviour of structures under stress, strain, compression, bending or combined actions
- BCA performance hierarchy
- Definitions and common technical terms or usage specified under general provisions of the BCA
- Understanding of the BCA in relation to BCA Classes 1 and 10
- Understanding of the BCA in relation to building types, applications and limitations
- General nature of materials and the effects of performance
- Relevant Australian Standards and guidelines
- Relevant legislative and occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) requirements, codes and practices

## RANGE STATEMENT

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### Assessment methods include:
- specifications and definitions in the BCA for:
  - comparison with DTS provisions
  - evidence of suitability
  - expert judgment
  - verification methods.

### Performance requirements include:
- performance-based contractual requirements that must be fulfilled by any party
- those contained within other legislation applicable to a specific project
- those determined to be relevant to a specific project according to the BCA

### Relevant legislation may include:
- Acts and ordinance
- Regulations
- NCC series:
  - BCA, Volume 1 and 2
  - Plumbing Code of Australia, Volume 3
- Australian Standards
- practice and technical notes.
## EVIDENCE GUIDE

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### Overview of assessment

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Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- apply organisational policies and procedures, including OHS/WHS and quality assurance requirements, where applicable
- interpret the building hierarchy of legislation and the associated compliance requirements
- access, interpret and apply codes, standards and guidelines to the design of a specific residential building project
- recommend alternative solutions to a design or construction problem in accordance with relevant legislation.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and work instructions
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards and guidelines.
**Method of assessment**

Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.

Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.

Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:

- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of relevant legislation
- written assignment detailing the relevant codes and standards for a specific project
- report detailing recommended performance-based solutions to a design problem
- drawing documentation and specifications demonstrating compliance with relevant legislation.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
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It includes the ability to apply a range of design solutions to the construction or design of a commercial building (Building Code of Australia (BCA) Classes 2 to 9), including Type B, in compliance with the BCA and make recommendations for alternative solutions as required. It requires thorough knowledge of the purpose and content of the BCA.  
No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  
However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural). |

**Employability Skills**  
This unit contains Employability Skills.

**Application of the unit**  
This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required for building designers to apply relevant legislation to the design of commercial buildings and includes compliance with current legal responsibilities of building designers for construction methods. The outcomes of this unit do not cover the required skills and knowledge for compliance with codes and standards in the design of residential buildings, which are covered in the unit, VU22457 Comply with relevant legislation in the design of residential buildings.

**ELEMENT**  
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|   |                    | 1.2 The criteria of the BCA are determined to apply the defined classification. |
|   |                    | 1.3 BCA requirements for classifications are identified and interpreted. |
ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
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2 | Access and interpret relevant code and other legislative requirements
2.1 | Victorian building regulations are referenced in relation to the hierarchy of legislation.
2.2 | Relevant performance requirements and provisions are determined from the National Construction Code (NCC) series that apply to commercial buildings.
2.3 | Australian Standards are accessed and interpreted.
3 | Analyse and apply a range of solutions to a design problem
3.1 | Alternative solutions to a construction or design problem that comply with the requirements of the BCA are discussed and proposed in accordance with company policies and procedures.
3.2 | *Assessment methods* referenced in the BCA are analysed to determine whether a construction or design solution complies with *performance requirements* or Deemed-to-Satisfy (DTS) provisions of the BCA.
3.3 | Performance-based solutions are identified and documented in accordance with the BCA.
3.4 | Relevant documentation is identified and completed according to the requirements of *relevant legislation*.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required skills:

- Communication skills to:
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret complex documents, including:
    - relevant legislation
    - site plans
    - the BCA
    - specifications
    - working drawings
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
- Written skills to document design solutions and other workplace documentation
- Numeracy skills to apply measurements and calculations
- Problem solving skills to design concepts and principles in accordance with the BCA, namely BCA Classes 2 to 9
- Planning and organisational skills to collect, organise and analyse information from relevant legislation
- Teamwork skills when working with internal and external personnel
- Technological skills to complete documentation and calculations
- Learning skills to:
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- Work safely in a design drafting working environment and on a site according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

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- Understanding of the BCA in relation to BCA Classes 2 to 9
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**Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit**

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- apply organisational policies and procedures, including OHS/WHS and quality assurance requirements, where applicable
- interpret the building hierarchy of legislation and the associated compliance requirements
- access, interpret and apply codes, standards and guidelines to the design of a specific commercial building project
- recommend alternative solutions to a design or construction problem in accordance with relevant legislation.

**Context of and specific resources for assessment**

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and work instructions
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards and guidelines.
## Method of assessment

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Assessment methods may include:
- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of relevant legislation
- written assignment detailing the relevant codes and standards for a specific project
- report detailing recommended performance-based solutions to a design problem
- drawing documentation and specifications demonstrating compliance with relevant legislation.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
### Unit code and title

| VU22459 Design safe buildings |

### Unit descriptor

This unit specifies the outcomes required to apply safe design principles to control occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) risk during the life of a building.

It includes the ability to identify and comply with legal responsibilities and obligations and evaluate OHS/WHS hazards associated with the design, construction and use of a building during its life cycle. Applying safe design principles requires consultation with stakeholders and specialist advisors and the ability to make recommendations for alternative design solutions and incorporate risk controls into the building design and end use.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).

### Employability Skills

This unit contains Employability Skills.

### Application of the unit

This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required for building designers to design safe buildings, which comply with current OHS/WHS legislation and relevant sections of the National Construction Code.

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#### 1 Investigate OHS/WHS requirements in the design process

1.1 **Legal responsibilities** and obligations of building designers for the safety of end users and beneficiaries are identified to enable the elimination of **OHS/WHS hazards** and control residual OHS/WHS risk.

1.2 **Stakeholders** involved in the design and construction process are consulted to determine **specific OHS/WHS issues**.

1.3 **Sources of current information and data** of OHS/WHS principles, materials, technology and systems are researched for application in the design and construction process.

1.4 Client is consulted to confirm the needs of those involved in the **subsequent life cycle stages** of the building.
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<td>2.2 OHS/WHS risk controls are selected through a systematic analysis of the likelihood and consequences of exposure to the hazard.</td>
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<td>2.3 A process for review of hazard identification and risk control is developed to incorporate potential alterations to design decisions or specifications.</td>
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<td>2.4 A residual risk register is established and the information circulated to those involved in the downstream or subsequent life cycle stages.</td>
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<td>Produce designs to facilitate safe construction, use and maintenance of a building</td>
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<td>3.1 Benefits of safe design are identified and communicated to stakeholders.</td>
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<td>3.2 Situations are identified where consultation with specialist advisors is required, and their services are utilised, as necessary.</td>
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<td>3.3 Client is informed of any high risks in design requirements and alternatives, including design modifications, which are agreed and documented.</td>
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<td>3.4 Risk controls are incorporated into design to facilitate the safe use and maintenance of the building in accordance with legislative requirements.</td>
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<td>3.5 Relevant documentation is provided to client for the education and training of end users and employees, to ensure safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the building.</td>
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REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required skills:

- Communication skills to:
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret:
    - the Building Code of Australia (BCA)
    - relevant OHS/WHS legislation and Australian Standards
    - workplace documentation relating to the safe design of buildings
    - plans, drawing and specifications
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions

- Written skills to:
  - produce workplace documentation
  - record data and findings on historical and current information pertaining to OHS/WHS

- Problem solving skills to:
  - identify legal responsibilities and obligations regarding safe design
  - analyse and evaluate data on OHS/WHS hazards, reports and compensation claims
  - negotiate client expectations of OHS/WHS outcomes
  - apply principles of safe design to the life cycle of a building

- Planning and organisational skills to collect, organise and analyse information on safe design

- Initiative and enterprise skills in:
  - developing practical risk controls
  - recommending alterations to design to improve safety

- Teamwork skills when consulting specialist advisors and stakeholders

- Self management skills in recognising limits of own expertise and seeking the advice of others, when required

- Learning skills in maintaining up-to-date knowledge of safe design principles and changes to legislation

- Technology skills to produce required documentation

- Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures
Required knowledge:

- Legislative and regulatory requirements for OHS/WHS information, data and consultation
- Principles and practices of a systematic approach to risk management
- Basic principles of anthropometry
- Direct and indirect influences that impact on OHS/WHS and the environment in the design and use of a building
- The hierarchy of control and considerations for deciding between different methods of control
- Interdependent relationships between ergonomics and stressors, such as physiological factors, awkward posture, poor lighting and ventilation and thermal environment
- Legislative responsibilities of building designers with regard to OHS/WHS at all stages of design, construction and end use of a building

RANGE STATEMENT

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### Stakeholders

- all maintenance contractor personnel
- all visiting personnel to the premises
- client personnel, employees and agents
- end user personnel, employees and agents
- relevant design and construction personnel.

### Specific OHS/WHS issues

- any hazards that could impact on those involved in the design, construction phase and the end use of the building. In particular, the requirements for all visitors to the construction site to meet current legislative obligations and work site procedures.

### Sources of current information and data

- Acts, Regulations, codes of practice and Australian Standards
- the BCA
- Commonwealth and state OHS/WHS and other regulatory bodies, such as the Australian Safety and Compensation Council
- industry advisory bodies
- professional and industry associations
- research literature.

### Subsequent life cycle stages

- construction
- design
- maintenance and servicing
- supply/installation
- use.

### Risk analysis

- accessing the effectiveness of existing controls
- analysing previous compensation claims and hazard reports
- defining the range of consequences and the likelihood of their occurrence
- determining a level of risk
- identifying demographic of end user
- researching industry specific hazards.

### The hierarchy of control

- eliminating the hazard, and where this is not possible, minimising risk by:
  - substitution
  - isolation
  - engineering controls
  - administrative controls
  - using personal protective equipment (PPE).
**Risk register** may include:
- an indication of the likelihood of the consequences occurring
- possible consequences in terms of injury or damage
- scenarios or circumstances under which injury or illness may occur.

**High risks** may include, but are not limited to:
- siting of building(s) or structure(s)
- high consequence hazards, such as:
  - temperature
  - pressure
  - health hazards
- systems of work, such as:
  - inadequate vehicle/pedestrian access
  - exposure to hazardous substances
  - working at heights
- environment, such as inadequate ventilation or lighting
- incident mitigation, such as:
  - siting of assembly areas
  - inadequate egress
  - inadequate emergency services access.

**Risk controls** include:
- review design brief
- review written specifications
- identifying solutions from recognised standards
- applying risk management techniques
- discussing design options
- consultation processes for changes in design.

**Relevant documentation** includes:
- material relating to key design elements, such as:
  - exterior roof and wall materials
  - key mechanical machinery
  - landscaping
  - location of services
  - warranties
  - windows and exterior doors.
## EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the Performance Criteria, Required Skills and Knowledge, the Range Statement and the Assessment Guidelines for this Training Package.

### Overview of assessment

This unit could be assessed in the workplace or a close simulation of the workplace environment, provided that simulated or project-based assessment techniques replicate building design drafting workplace conditions, materials, activities, responsibilities and procedures.

Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with legal responsibilities and obligations and organisational policies and procedures, including OHS/WHS
- implement risk management processes for the identification of OHS/WHS hazards and selection of suitable controls
- consult with relevant stakeholders to determine safety requirements in the life cycle stages of a building
- design a safe building which complies with current legislative requirements for the design, construction and use of a building.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation, including the BCA and Australian Standards.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant legislation, standards and codes
- relevant specifications and documentation, including working drawings, specifications and plans
- appropriate support materials
- research resources, including OHS/WHS related information.
| Method of assessment | Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance. Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.

Evidence should:
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:
- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of OHS/WHS legislation
- case study of best practice for a specific building project
- development of a risk register for a specific building project
- portfolio of design documentation relevant to the safe design of a building.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff. |
### Unit code and title

| VU22460 Design sustainable buildings |

### Unit descriptor

This unit specifies the outcomes required to apply the principles of sustainability to building design. It includes the application of sustainable practices to minimise negative impacts of the construction process and land use on the environment, incorporate passive design, sustainable water use and energy efficiency into a building design and select suitable materials for the construction of the building. It requires compliance with relevant legislation, Australian Standards and the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (Architectural).

### Employability Skills

This unit contains Employability Skills.

### Application of the unit

This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required for building designers to design sustainable buildings within the context of relevant legislation, the BCA and Australian Standards.

### ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

| Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency. | Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge and/or the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide. |

| 1 | Determine the impacts of building development on the natural environment | 1.1 | Impacts of building development on surrounding ecosystems are researched to identify the benefits of sound environmental policy. |

| 1.2 | *Triple Bottom Line approaches* are determined for consideration in the designing of buildings. |

<p>| 1.3 | Current <em>government and industry responses</em> to Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) are researched and representative <em>organisations</em> for ESD are identified to ascertain current policies and legislation. |</p>
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**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

**Required skills:**

- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret:
    - the BCA
    - relevant legislation and Australian Standards
    - other relevant documentation
  - research information on sustainable building principles
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions

- **Written skills to:**
  - develop recommendations and strategies for sustainable building design
  - document data and findings to industry standards

- **Teamwork skills to work effectively with clients and other stakeholders**

- **Problem solving skills to:**
  - analyse and evaluate data on construction materials and integrate sustainable and energy efficient systems into building design
  - determine the potential cost versus benefit of alternative sustainable options

- **Planning and organisational skills to collect, organise and analyse information on sustainable building practices**

- **Initiative and enterprise skills in interpreting information and developing sustainable design solutions**

- **Learning skills in updating knowledge of sustainable materials and building practices**

- **Technology skills to:**
  - complete documentation and calculations
  - operate computer energy rating systems, where applicable

- **Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures**
Required knowledge:

- Principles of sustainability in building design
- Mandatory disclosure
- Green star rating system
- Building adaptation for catastrophic events responding to climate change
- Indoor environmental quality (air quality, thermal comfort, acoustics)
- Characteristics of ecosystems
- Macro and micro climates
- Site topography features
- Effects of fossil fuels on the atmosphere
- Energy consumption relative to construction processes and building use
- Greenhouse gas emissions and ozone depletion theories
- Impacts of climate change
- Impacts of national strategies on building design
- Principles of designing buildings for durability and adaptability
- Life cycle assessment principles
- Basic principles of cradle-to-grave analysis
- Nature of construction materials and effect on performance
- R values (overall thermal resistance) for construction material
- Software used to predict building performance
- Energy auditing principles
- Processes for the administration and preparation of documentation
- Processes for the development of documentation, such as working drawings and specifications
- The BCA Deemed-to-Satisfy (DTS) energy efficiency provisions
- Occupational health and safety (OHS)/Work health and safety (WHS) workplace policies and procedures
- Relevant federal, state or territory legislation and local government policy and procedures
### RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

#### Triple Bottom Line approaches are:
- the impacts on natural and human capital, as well as financial capital. They focus on decision making and reporting which explicitly considers economic, environmental and social performance.

#### Government and industry responses may include:
- Brundtland Report
- Emissions Trading Green Paper
- Environmental Management Systems
- ISO 14000 Standards from International Organization for Standardization
- Kyoto Protocol
- National Greenhouse Response Strategy
- National Strategy for Ecologically Sustainable Development (NSESD)
- UN Local Agenda 21 – the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- Commonwealth, state and local government Acts, Regulations and development
- carbon trading
- codes of practice
- state environment protection policies.

#### Organisations include, but are not limited to:
- Australian Building Codes Board
- Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO)
- Environment Australia
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Green Building Council (GBC)
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
- Living Building Challenge.

#### Location specific climates include:
- Australian climates influenced by topological and geographical elements
- climate zones as classified by the BCA DTS energy efficiency provisions
- micro climates in specific locations.
### Site Influences
- existing vegetation
- natural water courses
- noise
- orientation
- prevailing winds
- topography
- views.

### Sun Path
- shadow angle calculation
- shadow map diagrams
- orientation.

### Passive Design Principles
- natural air flow
- natural and artificial shading
- orientation
- passive cooling
- passive heating
- thermal mass.

### Sustainable Site Development Practices
- maintaining appropriate existing vegetation
- minimal site excavation
- preservation of natural features
- recycling stations
- uninterrupted natural water courses
- utilisation of existing roads, thoroughfares and utilities
- water containment techniques and strategies to prevent run-off
- rainwater collection and re-use during construction.

### Sustainable Materials
- are biodegradable
- are locally manufactured or available on-site
- are remanufactured, re-usable or recycled
- can be re-used or recycled
- do not contain or emit toxic substances
- do not have a negative impact on the environment during their production, usage and disposal
- have a low embodied energy
- require minimal processing.
### Range of building materials include:
- caulks and adhesives
- concrete
- doors
- flooring and floor coverings
- insulation
- interior finishes and trim
- masonry
- mechanical systems/heating, ventilation and air-conditioning
- paintings and coatings
- plumbing systems and equipment
- renewable energy components
- roofing
- thermal and moisture protection
- timber, plastics and composites
- windows and glazing systems.

### Water collection, storage, use and re-use includes:
- black water systems filter beds
- bladder storage
- greywater systems
- rainwater tanks.

### Strategies to prevent run-off includes:
- maximising the use of impervious surfaces
- preservation of existing vegetation
- water collection.

### Energy efficient design principles include:
- application and assessment of the BCA
- performance-based solutions
- best practice to conserve energy:
  - appliance usage
  - building location and orientation
  - choice and product performance
  - compliance with legislation pertinent to conserving energy
  - living practices that maximise benefit
- climate conditions:
  - climate zones in Australia specified in the BCA
  - micro climates associated with a specific area.
- **energy consumption:**
  - low energy lighting
  - solar hot water systems
  - star rated appliances
  - window coverings and glazing

- **energy efficient construction:**
  - construction methods
  - durability and adaptability
  - efficient design briefs
  - geography and topography of site
  - location
  - materials used which maximise re-use potential
  - method of application

- **Building Information Modeling (BIM)**

- **star rating systems:**
  - Building Energy Rating Scheme (BERS) computer model
  - First Rate computer model
  - Nationwide House Energy Rating Scheme (NatHERS) computer model

- **outcomes for building users:**
  - avoiding sick building syndrome
  - workplace productivity measures.

### Renewable energy sources include:

- biomass energy
- geothermal energy
- hydroelectric energy
- solar energy
- wind energy
- co/tri generation sources.
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### Overview of assessment

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Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- apply the principles of sustainable building design in accordance with current legislation and government policies
- evaluate and recommend sustainable materials suitable for the construction of a specific building design in accordance with client brief and specifications
- research, evaluate and report on data and findings, make recommendations and develop strategies for the design of sustainable buildings for at least one building development project that complies with the applicable local government authority, relevant legislation and the BCA.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards' requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and documentation
- appropriate support materials
- research resources, including industry-related information.

Reasonable adjustments for people with disabilities must be made to assessment processes, where required. This could include access to modified equipment and other physical resources, and the provision of appropriate assessment support.
| Method of assessment | Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance. Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both. Evidence should:
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:
- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge required of current sustainable materials and building practices
- research and reporting on case studies of best practice sustainable buildings
- report on sustainable construction materials
- portfolio of a range of sustainable construction materials.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders, or specialist training staff. |
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6 | Finalise services layout
6.1 | Details of services layout and any required amendments are confirmed with service engineer or other consultants.
6.2 | Shop drawings and other relevant documentation are checked and signed off against design specifications.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

**Required skills:**

- Communication skills to:
  - consult with other professionals and negotiate required amendments, as required
  - read and interpret:
    - relevant documentation and legislation
    - the BCA
    - plans, working drawings and specifications
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions, including industry terminology and definitions
  - use and interpret non-verbal communication
- Numeracy skills to apply measurements and basic calculations relating to service installations
- Written skills to:
  - accurately document details and specifications of services layout
  - document specifications to mitigate project risks
  - prepare documentation to an accepted industry standard
- Teamwork skills to work effectively with clients and other stakeholders
- Problem solving skills to:
  - interpret information from plans and drawings
  - identify and resolve typical faults and problems
  - evaluate mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning for energy efficiency
  - apply standards to artificial lighting and light sources
- Planning and organising skills to collect, organise and analyse information on services layouts
- Initiative and enterprise skills to apply design concepts and principles relating to service installations
- Self management skills to enable the completion of work tasks according to timelines and project schedule
- Technology skills to:
  - use relevant computer software
  - produce documentation and calculations
- Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

### Required knowledge:
- Nature of materials and effect on performance relating to service installations
- Working drawings and specifications relating to service installations
- A variety of design concepts and principles relating to service installation
- Role and responsibilities of building designers relating to services layout
- Service installation terminology, definitions, installation methods and hazards in relation to devices and systems using Australian Standards, the BCA and manufacturer’s specifications
- Sustainability and energy efficiency principles and practices in relation to services installation

### RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

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• septic or bio-chemical treatment unit  
• graded or vertical discharge pipes  
• inspection shafts and ORGs. |
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| **Mechanical ventilation and air-conditioning** includes: | • air-conditioning applications  
• air distribution, including mechanical ventilation for car parks  
• air filtration, including air filters, ducting, main filter types  
• air intake systems  
• fire dampers  
• fume discharge systems  
• smoke control and exhaust systems  
• warm water and cooling towers. |
| **Fire protection systems** include: | • fire and smoke detectors and alarms  
• fire collars  
• fire hydrants, fire hoses and reels  
• sprinkler systems. |
| **Design considerations for natural lighting** includes: | • glare reduction  
• low life cycle cost  
• reduced emissions  
• reduced operating costs  
• reflectance of interior surfaces  
• window size and spacing. |
| **Electrical and electronic service systems** includes: | • categories of cabling and layout of equipment for:  
  – data  
  – telecommunications  
  – lift controls  
  – power supplies  
• service systems safeguards and access for maintenance, repair and extension  
• telecommunications connection to site and distribution facilities  
• type of service (emergency power and alternative power sources). |
| **Methods of vertical transportation** includes: | • escalators  
• hoists  
• lifts  
• pedestrian movers. |
## EVIDENCE GUIDE

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| Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit | A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:  
- develop documentation which integrates services layout into the design of a residential or commercial building  
- consult with other professionals to negotiate details of services layout  
- interpret and comply with relevant legislation. |
| Context of and specific resources for assessment | Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.  
Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards’ requirements.  
Resource implications for assessment include:  
- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements  
- specifications and documentation for services layout  
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards  
- research resources, including industry-related information. |
| Method of assessment | Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.  
Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.  
Evidence should:  
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles  
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments  
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role |
Assessment methods may include:

- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of current practices in the layout of services
- development of documentation integrating services layout
- research project on energy efficient heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
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**ELEMENT**

**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

*Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.*

*Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge and/or the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.*

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<td>Simple two and three-dimensional drawings are created to resolve construction details.</td>
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ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
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2. Read, interpret and articulate plans and specifications for a residential building | 2.1 Relevant *plans and specifications* are identified to develop a set of working drawings.
  | 2.2 Key information is located, interpreted and articulated according to relevant specifications and *relevant legislation*.
  | 2.3 Advice is sought from client and other stakeholders, when required, to articulate and clarify any issues.
3. Produce preliminary working drawings | 3.1 *Working drawings for residential buildings* are produced using *standard drawing conventions* and in accordance with current Australian Standards.
  | 3.2 Industry best practice conventions are applied to the production of *building drawings*.
4. Produce a set of working drawings | 4.1 Working drawings are completed to meet architectural conventions and in accordance with the relevant legislation.
  | 4.2 Working drawings are checked with team members for consistency of presentation, cross-referencing and accuracy and to comply with relevant legislation.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

*This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.*

**Required skills:**

- Communication skills to:
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm client needs and share information with team members
  - read and interpret:
    - the BCA
    - relevant legislation and Australian Standards
    - plans and specifications
    - other relevant documentation
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
  - use and interpret non-verbal communication
- Written skills to produce simple preliminary drawings
- Teamwork skills to:
  - work effectively with clients and other stakeholders
  - produce preliminary and working drawings within allocated responsibilities
• Problem solving skills to interpret information from plans, specifications and client brief to develop required preliminary drawings
• Planning and organising skills to produce preliminary and working drawings within an allocated time frame
• Initiative and enterprise skills to achieve creative and innovative approaches in the production of drawing tasks
• Numeracy skills to apply calculation and measuring techniques
• Technological skills to:
  – use computer software to enable production of working drawings
  – complete documentation and calculations
• Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

**Required knowledge:**
• Drafting and drawing protocols
• Industry conventions and features, including direction, scale, key, contours, symbols and abbreviations
• Processes for the administration and preparation of documentation
• Processes for the interpretation of reports, working drawings and specifications
• Research methods to locate relevant information
• Structural, design and construction principles of buildings
• Process for the consideration of a budget constraint
• Relevant federal or state legislation and local government policy and procedures, including occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) requirements.
• Functions and operation of computer software used to produce working drawings
**RANGE STATEMENT**

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the Performance Criteria is detailed below. Add any essential operating conditions that may be present with training and assessment depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts.

| Types of preliminary drawings | floor plans  
|                              | land boundaries and footprint of building/site plans  
|                              | orthographic drawings  
|                              | schematic drawings that show articulation of services  
|                              | sectional views that detail key construction elements.  
| Key features | building levels and variations  
|              | fixtures and fittings  
|              | services  
|              | electrical layout  
|              | wall penetrations (doors/windows)  
|              | walls.  
| Plans and specifications include: | plans:  
|                                  | set of working drawings  
|                                  | construction technology  
|                                  | details  
|                                  | finishes and specification notes to a standard suitable for building approval  
|                                  | sections relating to main components of construction  
| information from consultants may include: | soil tests  
|                                            | shop drawings (steel fabrication)  
|                                            | structural engineering drawings  
|                                            | survey plans and level plans for construction site  
|                                            | costing/preliminary estimates  
|                                            | energy rating  
|                                            | Bushfire Attack Level (BAL)  
|                                            | temporary structures and works.  
| Relevant legislation may include: | Acts and ordinance  
|                                  | Regulations  
|                                  | National Construction Code series:  
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- electrical connections plan
- excavation cut and fill
- flashings and box gutters
- general plumbing services plan
- glazing, including bay window construction
- insulation and sarking
- internal and external wall claddings
- joinery
- land surveyor plans
- large span timber beams and connections, including glue laminated beams
- levels and contours
- retaining walls
- roof construction
- sewerage connection and easement plan
- soil classification and tests
- stairs
- stormwater connection and easement plan
- timber and masonry
- upper floor construction
- wall construction
- window and door schedules.
## EVIDENCE GUIDE

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### Overview of assessment

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### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with OHS/WHS regulations applicable to workplace operations
- apply organisational policies and procedures, including quality assurance requirements, where applicable
- produce two and three-dimensional drawings for residential building projects
- complete working drawings to industry best practice and as determined by the project brief.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards’ requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and work instructions
- computer facilities and drafting environment with appropriate levels of illumination and ventilation
- workplace instructions relating to safe work practices
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards
- research resources, including industry-related systems information.
### Method of assessment

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- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
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- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:
- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of building specifications and required documentation
- practical assessment in the development of a set of working drawings.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
**Unit code and title**  
VU22463 Produce preliminary and working drawings for commercial buildings

**Unit descriptor**  
This unit specifies outcomes required to produce two and three-dimensional drawings in accordance with standard industry practice and to a level suitable for building permit approval applications.

It includes the ability to read and interpret plans and specifications and to produce preliminary and working drawings for commercial buildings (Building Code of Australia (BCA) Classes 2 to 9).

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).

**Employability Skills**  
This unit contains Employability Skills.

**Application of the unit**  
This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required for building designers to produce preliminary and working drawings for commercial buildings (BCA Classes 2 to 9) within the context of relevant legislation, the BCA and Australian Standards.

The outcomes of this unit do not cover the required skills and knowledge for producing working drawings for residential buildings, which are covered in the unit, VU22462 Produce preliminary and working drawings for residential buildings.

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## REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

### Required skills:

- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm client needs and share information with team members
  - read and interpret:
    - the BCA
    - plans and specifications
    - relevant legislation and Australian Standards
    - other relevant documentation
    - produce simple preliminary drawings
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
  - use and interpret non-verbal communication
- **Teamwork skills to:**
  - work effectively with clients and other stakeholders
  - negotiate individual work tasks with others
- **Problem solving skills** to interpret information from plans, specifications and client brief
- **Planning and organising skills** to produce working drawings within allocated time frame
- **Initiative and enterprise skills** to achieve creative and innovative approaches in relevant drawing tasks
- **Numeracy skills to:**
  - produce drawings for commercial buildings
  - apply calculation and measuring techniques
- **Technological skills to:**
  - use computer software to enable production of working drawings
  - complete documentation and calculations
- **Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to organisational policies and procedures**

### Required knowledge:

- **Drafting and drawing protocols**
- **Industry conventions for the production of working drawings**
- **Processes for the administration and preparation of documentation**
- **Processes for the interpretation of reports, working drawings and specifications**
- **Relevant federal or state legislation and local government policy and procedures, including occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) requirements**
- **Research methods to locate relevant information**
- **Structural, design and construction principles of buildings**
- **Process for the consideration of a budget constraint**
- **Functions and operation of computer software used to produce working drawings**
### RANGE STATEMENT

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- Regulations
- National Construction Code series:
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  - Plumbing Code of Australia, Volume 3
- Australian Standards
- practice and technical notes.

**Plans and specifications** include:
- plans:
  - set of working drawings
  - construction technology
  - details
  - finishes and specification notes to a standard suitable for building approval
  - sections relating to main components of construction
- information from consultants may include:
  - soil tests
  - shop drawings (steel fabrication)
  - structural engineering drawings
  - survey plans and level plans construction site
  - costing/initial estimates
  - energy rating
  - Bushfire Attack Level (BAL)
  - temporary structures and works.

**Preliminary working drawings** include:
- area analysis
- BCA Classes 2 to 9 buildings
- computer-generated or paper-based presentations
- construction notes
- details
- elevations
- floor plans
- general notes
- location or neighbouring buildings
- plan and specification interpretation
- projections
- sections
- services
- site plans
- two and three-dimensional drawings
- type ‘B’ and type ‘C’ buildings.

**Working drawings** applies to:

- banks and landscaping
- base structure – timber and masonry
- certificate of title to land
- complex roof and wall shapes
- composite construction (e.g. steel and timber)
- conversion of plans and specifications to architectural and building detail
- drawing protocols, including:
  - abbreviations
  - legends
  - lettering standards
  - numbering
  - paper size
  - scale
  - standard units of measurement
  - symbols
- electrical connections plan
- excavation cut and fill
- flashings and box gutters
- general plumbing service plan
- glazing, including window and door schedules
- insulation and sarking
- internal and external wall claddings
- joinery
- land surveyor plans
- large span timber beams and connections, including glue laminated beams
- levels and contours
- research journal in accordance with project aims, comprising:
  - photographs
  - record of site visits
  - sections
  - three-dimensional sketches
- roof construction
- sewerage connection and easement plan
- soil classification and tests
- stairs
- stormwater connection and easements plan
- timber and masonry
- upper floor construction
- wall construction.

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Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with OHS/WHS regulations applicable to workplace operations
- apply organisational policies and procedures, including quality assurance requirements, where applicable
- produce two and three-dimensional drawings for commercial buildings (BCA Classes 2 to 9)
- complete working drawings to industry best practice and as determined by the project brief.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards' requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and work instructions
- computer facilities and drafting environment with appropriate levels of illumination and ventilation
- workplace instructions relating to safe work practices
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards
- research resources, including industry-related systems information.
### Method of assessment

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Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:

- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of building specifications and requirements for working drawings
- practical assessment in the development of working drawings for commercial buildings.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
### Unit code and title
VU22464 Select construction materials for building projects

### Unit descriptor
This unit specifies the outcomes required to evaluate and select a range of suitable construction materials for building projects, taking into account a range of criteria, including physical attributes, cost and sustainability.

It includes the ability to analyse properties and characteristics to determine their suitability for application in the construction of a building. It requires selection of materials that comply with relevant legislation, Australian Standards and the Building Code of Australia (BCA).

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).

### Employability Skills
This unit contains Employability Skills.

### Application of the unit
This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required for building designers to select suitable construction materials for buildings within the context of relevant legislation, the BCA and Australian Standards.

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### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

*This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.*

#### Required skills:
- Communication skills to:
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret complex documents, including:
    - the BCA
    - relevant legislation and Australian Standards
    - plans, drawings and specifications
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
- Written skills to document data and findings to industry standards
- Problem solving skills to:
  - identify typical defects in construction materials
  - analyse and evaluate data on construction materials
- Planning and organisational skills to collect, organise and analyse information on construction materials
- Initiative and enterprise skills in:
  - selecting suitable construction materials, taking into account a range of criteria, including physical attributes, cost and sustainability
  - applying selection principles relating to performance of materials according to their purpose
- Technological skills to complete documentation and calculations
- Work safely in a design drafting working environment and on a site according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

#### Required knowledge:
- Manufacturing processes and their effects on the use and application of construction materials
- Structural, thermal, acoustic and visual properties of materials and how these are utilised to achieve a desired outcome and meet specifications and legislative requirements
- Durability, weatherability, jointing, thermal expansion, compatibility, connection systems with regard to the application of materials
- Systems, processes and methodology used to incorporate materials into a structure
- Substructures, jointing systems and fixings required to incorporate materials into a building
- Effect of substructures on the use of materials
- Effect of transport, handling and storage on materials
- Principles of designing buildings for durability and adaptability
- Life cycle assessment principles
- Nature of construction materials, including emerging technologies, and effect on performance
- Environmental impact issues relating to material selection and use
- R and U values (overall thermal resistance) for construction material
- Grading process and grade markings used to categorise timber and timber products
- Relevant sections of the BCA and relevant federal, state or territory legislation
- Material safety data sheet purpose and content

**RANGE STATEMENT**

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| Construction materials include, but are not limited to: | • adhesives and sealants  
• admixtures  
• cement  
• clay bricks and pavers  
• composite materials, e.g. sandwich panels  
• concrete cast in situ  
• fire rated protective coatings  
• glass  
• metals  
• mortars  
• plaster and plasterboard  
• plastics  
• pre-cast structural concrete components  
• sandstone  
• terracotta and concrete roof tiles  
• timber and timber products  
• engineered timber products. |
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| Relevant legislation may include: | • Acts and ordinance  
• Regulations  
• National Construction Code series:  
  - BCA, Volume 1 and 2  
  - Plumbing Code of Australia, Volume 3  
• Australian Standards  
• practice and technical notes. |
**Types of structures** include:
- structures with concrete skeleton and slabs
- structures with steel and metallic column and member construction
- structures with timber and other composite material construction.

**Sustainable characteristics** include:
- materials that have minimal packaging
- high recycled content or recyclability
- locally produced or sourced
- low embodied energy
- low in volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- low life cycle cost ease of demolition, disassembly, re-use and disposal
- materials that are easily cleaned and maintained
- raw materials sourced with minimal negative environmental impact.

**Thermal and acoustic characteristics** include:
- combustibility
- expansion joint requirements
- fire indices
- fire resistance and insulation values for composite materials
- resonance
- sound transmission coefficients
- thermal expansion and contraction
- thermal resistance (R and U values).

**Durability** includes:
- longevity
- sturdiness
- weatherability.

**Structural integrity** includes:
- compatibility with other materials and/or systems
- structural properties.

**Fire resistance** includes:
- fire resistance levels to meet the BCA.

**Defects** include:
- those caused by incorrect placement, installation or application or in naturally occurring materials.

**Transportation, on-site storage requirements and handling** includes:
- carnage or other methods of handling
- fixing systems
- on-site quality control
- on-site handling and storage
- road transport.
### Interior finish products

Include, but are not limited to:

- ceramic tiles
- chipboard
- laminates
- MDF board
- tilt up panel.

### Specific attributes and characteristics

Include:

- aesthetics
- availability
- cost
- durability
- sustainability.

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## EVIDENCE GUIDE

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### Overview of assessment

This unit could be assessed in the workplace or a close simulation of the workplace environment, provided that simulated or project-based assessment techniques replicate design drafting workplace conditions, materials, activities, responsibilities and procedures.

Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- identify, analyse and evaluate the characteristics of construction materials for their application and sustainability
- comply with the requirements of the relevant legislation with regard to the thermal acoustic and fire resistant qualities of construction materials
- make recommendations for suitable materials to satisfy construction requirements, aesthetics, cost effectiveness, client brief and the requirements of the relevant legislation.
### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards’ requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and documentation, including legislative documents and standards
- appropriate support materials, including current information and data on the characteristics and use of construction materials
- samples of construction materials or examples of material use in situ
- research resources, including industry-related information.

### Method of assessment

Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.

Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.

Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:

- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm the knowledge of sustainable building materials
- reinforcing the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- case studies of best practice in the use of appropriate materials for a building project.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
### Unit code and title

**VU22465 Provide design solutions for residential and commercial buildings**

### Unit descriptor

This unit specifies the outcomes required to apply the theories and principles of design to the design of buildings. It must be applied to both residential buildings (Building Code of Australia (BCA) Classes 1 and 10) and commercial buildings (BCA Classes 2 to 9), of Type B construction.

It requires the ability to research, analyse and evaluate information on the history and elements of architecture and their influence on current practice. It includes developing a design response, which meets the requirements of a project brief, and communicating a final design solution to relevant stakeholders.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).

### Employability Skills

This unit contains Employability Skills.

### Application of the unit

This unit supports the attainment of the skills and knowledge required for building designers to apply the principles, theories and emerging trends of design to residential and commercial building projects.

### ELEMENT

**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

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### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

*This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.*

#### Required skills:
- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using effective listening and questioning techniques to identify and confirm requirements and share information with relevant stakeholders
  - communicate a design solution
  - read and interpret:
    - design briefs
    - construction drawings and specifications
    - Australian Standards
    - relevant sections of the National Construction Code
    - research material, including architectural literature and relevant texts
  - use language, terminology and semantics relevant to building design and architecture
- **Written skills to:**
  - document research on the influences of global architecture and design principles
  - produce freehand and enhanced sketches for the interpretation of a design or of architectural features
- **Problem solving skills to:**
  - apply design theories and ideas to a built form
  - apply design principles within regulatory requirements
  - respond to the challenges of irregular shaped sites
- **Initiative and enterprise skills to:**
  - resolve construction and design issues with regard to structural systems and site context
  - incorporate functionality and aesthetics into a built form
  - evaluate historical and conventional design principles with modern practices and methods
  - develop a design response according to the project brief requirements for stakeholder consideration
- **Planning and organising skills to:**
  - collect, organise and analyse information on:
    - world architecture and its principal characteristics
    - the works of recognised architects and designers
    - complete design response within allocated time frame
- Learning skills in the development of own knowledge and understanding of global architecture and design trends
- Technological skills to research and record information
- Teamwork skills to consult with client and other stakeholders
- Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

**Required knowledge:**

- Architectural terminology and semantics
- Design processes
- Research methods to locate relevant information
- Influential architects and designers of the 20th and 21st Centuries
- Global and Australian architectural styles
- Architectural concepts applied to a residential and commercial design solution
- Principles of structural and construction technology
- Principles of universal design
- Basic principles of anthropometrics and ergonomics
- Material characteristics and applications
- Tectonic themes
- Regulatory, contextual and site constraints
- Planning concepts
- Principles of human behaviour, functionality and aesthetics
- Historical and modern design principles
- Current and emerging residential and commercial design trends
- Modern theories of culture, politics and technology
## RANGE STATEMENT

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| Research techniques | • architectural literature and references  
|                    | • desk research  
|                    | • Internet  
|                    | • interviews  
|                    | • photographs and digital images  
|                    | • observations of built environment  
|                    | • site visits.  
| Influential periods of global architecture | • Edwardian  
| (may include, but are not limited to): | • Georgian  
| | • Victorian  
| | • gothic  
| | • mid-20th Century  
| | • post modern  
| | • post-industrial  
| | • renaissance  
| | • 21st Century  
| | • colonial  
| | • early modern.  
| Architectural terminology and language | • aesthetics  
| includes: | • allegory  
| | • classical  
| | • composition  
| | • contemporary  
| | • context  
| | • culture  
| | • deconstruction  
| | • ecology  
| | • esquisse  
| | • form  
| | • genius loci  
| | • identity  
| | • metaphor  
| | • organic  
|
**Palimpsest**
- phenomenology
- post-structural
- primitive
- regionalism
- schematic
- style
- symbolism
- tectonic
- typology
- zeitgeist.

**Emerging residential and commercial design trends** may include:
- modular structures
- prefabricated off-site elements
- low energy rating
- self-sufficient buildings
- collaborative/flexible open spaces
- mixed use space
- ‘experience’ design
- planning for technology
- green design
- smart glass

**Critical analysis** may include:
- analysing and evaluating
- critiquing
- comparing and contrasting beliefs, interpretations and theories
- developing criteria for evaluation
- debating and discussing
- noting significant similarities and differences
- reading and listening
- reflecting.

**Influences and features** may include:
- contemporary theories and concepts
- distinctive architectural language or element that can be attributed to a particular designer or architect
- thinkers and philosophers.

**Principal characteristics** include:
- external
- internal
- materials
- structural systems.
**Design principles** include:
- aesthetics
- balance
- contrast
- dominance (emphasis)
- functionality
- gradation
- harmony
- proportion
- radiation
- repetition
- rhythm
- scale
- symmetry
- unity.

**Social, sustainable and technical factors** include:
- privacy and degrees of transparency
- inherent flexibility of design (allowing for adaptive re-use)
- purpose and meaning to design’s constructional/structural system or expression.

**Principal elements of sketching** includes:
- proportion
- scale light, shade texture
- composition
- line weight
- negative and positive space.

**Range of media** includes:
- coloured pencils
- erasers
- ink
- markers
- pastels
- pencils
- transferring mediums
- various paper types
- water colours.
| **Visualisation techniques** include: | • computerised and/or hand rendering techniques  
• burnishing  
• hatching  
• line drawings  
• negative space  
• rubbing  
• scoring  
• stippling  
• tonal rendering. |
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| **Material finishes** include: | • natural finishes, e.g. stone, timber, slate, rammed earth, vegetation  
• non-reflective textured materials used both internally and externally, e.g. carpet, tiles, pavers, brick, rendered surfaces  
• reflective surfaces, e.g. walls, floors, mirrors, glass, water. |
| **Relevant stakeholders** may include: | • clients  
• structural engineers  
• building surveyors  
• Victorian Building Authority  
• heating, cooling and air-conditioning consultants  
• local council and other relevant authorities. |
| **Presentation media** may include: | • Building Information Modeling (BIM)  
• detailed hand drawn or digitally generated drawings  
• freehand sketches. |
**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

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### Overview of assessment

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### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- research and apply knowledge of global architecture, architects and designers and their influences on modern design theories
- apply architectural concepts to a built form
- develop design solutions which meet the requirements of the project brief, town planning and regulatory controls
  - one residential design based on BCA Classes 1 and 10
  and
  - one commercial design based on BCA Classes 2 to 9 of Type B construction
- communicate design solutions to stakeholders using presentation media.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context. Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards’ requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and documentation and legislation
- images of significant buildings reflecting specific architectural styles and features
- research resources, including architectural literature.
| Method of assessment | Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance. Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both. Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:

- practical demonstration of digital production of project documentation in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of designing objects
- submission of project documentation, both physical and digital, that complies with project brief
- portfolio of documentation for an architectural project.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff. |
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<td>This unit specifies the outcomes required to use a range of digital applications for the production of outputs in architectural workflows. It includes the ability to determine the appropriate digital applications required for specific project outputs and the application of architectural standards and conventions to produce and manage the project. Work is likely to be undertaken with limited supervision and in consultation with team members and external consultants. No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).</td>
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**ELEMENT**

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| **1** Determine digital production of architectural workflows | 1.1 Productivity advantages are investigated and applied to data management systems, organisational standards and overall practice workflows.  
1.2 Individual workflows are established for projects to maximise productivity within given time frames.  
1.3 **Team strategies** are organised to enable collaboration between participants in the project team. |
| **2** Analyse project requirements to determine outputs | 2.1 Project brief is evaluated to determine the digital applications, including Building Information Modeling (BIM) based software, and data requirements within the project scope.  
2.2 **Relevant external stakeholders** and internal personnel are identified to plan development of documents according to order of precedence and agreed timelines. |
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<td>3.2 <em>Digital protocols</em> are determined and created to develop the project documentation according to workplace policy and client requirements.</td>
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<td>4.1 File formats and <em>transfer protocols</em> and standards are applied to enable the use of data in chosen applications.</td>
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<td>4.2 Object data and component libraries are selected for implementation in project outputs.</td>
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<td>5.2 Conventions and standards related to layout and print sizing, for both physical and digital outputs, are identified and implemented.</td>
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<td>5.3 Digital and physical <em>communication conventions</em> are examined and selected according to their cost effectiveness and sustainability.</td>
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<td>5.4 Interim draft output and digital communications is produced to confirm that outputs meet project requirements, and modifications are made, as necessary.</td>
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| 5.6 | Outputs are evaluated to ensure compliance with planned project outcomes.
| 5.7 | Investigate and create a range of outputs achievable from identified digital data workflows.

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

**Required skills:**

- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - engage and interact with digital and electronic distributed information and learning systems
  - read and interpret:
    - construction drawings and specifications
    - state regulatory authority requirements/relevant legislation
    - Australian Standards
    - relevant sections of the Building Code of Australia
    - software manuals
  - use language, terminology and concepts appropriate to industry conventions

- **Planning and organising skills to:**
  - coordinate workflows according to priorities and agreed timelines
  - meet project milestone requirements
  - confirm outputs meet project requirements

- **Teamwork skills for collaboration and consultation with both external and internal personnel**

- **Initiative and enterprise skills to:**
  - create and/or use object data and component libraries
  - analyse file structures and use them effectively

- **Self management skills to enable the production of documentation within allocated time frame**

- **Learning skills in self directed approach to updating skills in software use and knowledge of emerging technologies**

- **Technology skills to use software applications suitable for production of documentation required for the project**

- **Numeracy skills to produce required documentation**

- **Problem solving skills to determine integration of workflows**
**Required knowledge:**

- Functions, operation and management of software programs required for the production of various stages of project documentation
- The application of standards and conventions in the production and management of architectural documentation
- Australian and International Standards for BIM data sharing
- Purpose and benefits of project outputs to related contexts
- Construction and materials technology in the production of architectural documentation
- Principles of design and their application
- Principles of designing objects and spaces in three-dimensions and their translation into computer-based design methodologies
- Organisational quality requirements for the production of digital outputs
- Organisational and legislative requirements for documentation in all stages of the building design project
- Occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) legislation and guidelines relevant to software use
- Recognition of file structures
- Development and use of file structures
- Features of file structures for BIM management

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**Team strategies could include:**

- collaboration amongst practice team members
- collaboration with external consultants
- identifying individual roles and responsibilities

**Relevant external stakeholders may include, but not limited to:**

- structural engineers
- building surveyors
- clients
- Victorian Building Authority
- heating, cooling and air-conditioning consultants
- local council and other relevant authorities

**Digital security issues include:**

- protection of client privacy
- protection of client and organisation intellectual property
- permissions for access to folders and files
- maintenance of digital storage
### Hardware requirements

*include:* devices, such as:
- scanners
- digitisers
- printers/plotters
- digital projectors/display devices
- external storage devices
- workstation platform.

### Relevant legislation

*include:* Acts and ordinance
- Regulations
- NCC series:
  - BCA, Volume 1 and 2
  - Plumbing Code of Australia, Volume 3
- Australian Standards
- practice and technical notes.

### Appropriate applications

*could include, but are not limited to:* 5D software
- animation software
- BIM software
- design documentation software
- graphic development and/or editing software
- internet and network communication platforms
- multimedia and rendering software.

### Digital protocols

*may vary according to workplace policies but include:* archiving
digital back-up
platforms
production set-up and management.

### Transfer protocols

*include:* distributed information systems
- transfer of data
- transfer of images
- data from consultants.

### Relevant information

*includes:* information from Australian websites and publications
- trade literature.

### Digital and physical output methods

*include, but are not limited to:* email
- online
- paper output
- physical model, e.g. 3D printer or cam device.
**Communication conventions** include, but are not limited to:

- methods to transfer data through communication services, such as:
  - email/social media
  - file transfer protocol (FTP)/Internet cloud services etc
  - web client servers.

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**EVIDENCE GUIDE**

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**Overview of assessment**

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Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

**Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit**

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- apply organisational policies and procedures, including OHS/WHS and quality assurance requirements, where applicable
- comply with copyright and trade practices legislation and organisational privacy and security policies and procedures
- produce digitally generated information for an architectural project
- collaborate and consult with team members and outside agencies
- meet the criteria of the project brief to the required standard and within allocated timelines.

**Context of and specific resources for assessment**

Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant legislation.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- appropriate computer hardware and software
- access to architectural conventions, best practice and workplace procedures
- the NCC and relevant Australian Standards
- task sheets, sample drawings and supporting documentation, as required.
## Method of assessment

Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.

Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.

Evidence should:
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:
- practical demonstration of digital production of project documentation in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of designing objects
- submission of project documentation, both physical and digital, that complies with project brief
- portfolio of documentation for an architectural project.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
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It includes reviewing the project brief, developing presentation materials and presenting the final design concept to relevant stakeholders. Materials for presentation could include preliminary drawings, computer generated drawings/images, or models. It requires the ability to effectively clarify or communicate ideas and the design concept to stakeholders.  
No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.  
However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural). |
| **Employability Skills** | This unit contains Employability Skills. |
| **Application of the unit** | This unit supports the skills and knowledge required for building designers to present an architectural design to relevant stakeholders. Work is likely to be under limited or no supervision and in consultation with a variety of stakeholders. |
| **ELEMENT** | **PERFORMANCE CRITERIA** |
| **Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.** | **Performance criteria describe the required performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.** Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge and/or the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide. |
| 1 | Plan presentation |
| 1.1 | The project brief is reviewed to confirm requirements for presentation. |
| 1.2 | Suitable presentation format is selected according to project brief, timelines and budgetary limitations. |
| 1.3 | Relevant stakeholders are consulted during presentation planning to ensure appropriate format and materials are determined. |
| 1.4 | Consultation with team members is undertaken to determine individual responsibilities and time frames in the planning of presentation. |
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<td><strong>2.2</strong> Final drawings/models are produced for presentation to stakeholders within agreed time frames and to industry standards.</td>
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<td><strong>3.2</strong> Non-verbal and verbal communication techniques are used to secure and maintain the interest of the audience.</td>
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<td><strong>3.4</strong> Key concepts are summarised at strategic points to facilitate understanding.</td>
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## REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

*This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.*

### Required skills:

- **Communication skills to:**
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret:
    - project brief
    - architectural documentation
  - use language, terminology and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
- **Facilitation and presentation skills to communicate design concept to stakeholders**
- **Written skills to:**
  - sketch preliminary presentation drawings using a variety of media and different techniques, as required
  - communicate design ideas and concepts in sketch format
  - prepare documentation to an accepted industry standard
- Problem solving skills to:
  - identify requirements for presentation according to project brief
  - liaise with stakeholders to plan presentation
- Initiative and enterprise skills to:
  - develop presentation that meets client requirements
  - produce presentation materials to industry standard to assist client in understanding key features of design
- Planning and organisational skills to:
  - plan, prepare and facilitate a design presentation
  - complete work within accepted time frames
- Technological skills to:
  - complete presentation materials using a variety of computer software
  - operate presentation equipment
  - develop presentation materials
- Self management skills to coordinate own responsibilities in planning presentation within designated time frame
- Teamwork skills during consultation with, and coordination of, internal and external personnel
- Work safely in a design drafting working environment according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

**Required knowledge:**
- Techniques required for sketches/drawings, including:
  - Colour and its applications
  - Rendering techniques and applications
- Relationship between sketching and rendering techniques and the appropriate media
- Functions and operation of computer digital editing applications
- Presentation methods and techniques
- Occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) requirements in the development and facilitation of a design presentation
### RANGE STATEMENT

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| **Requirements for presentation** includes: | • budget  
• documentation  
• presentation materials  
• stakeholders  
• timing. |
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| **Presentation materials** include: | • 2D images  
• 3D images  
• animated views  
• models  
• plans and elevations. |
| **Non-verbal and verbal communication techniques** include: | • body language  
• emotion  
• eye contact  
• facial expression  
• gestures  
• intonation  
• speaking style  
• voice quality, pitch and volume. |
## EVIDENCE GUIDE

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### Overview of assessment

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### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- liaise with client and external stakeholders in the development of a design presentation
- prepare and facilitate a design presentation to industry standard
- communicate design ideas and solutions with sketches and images.

### Context of and specific resources for assessment

This unit is to be assessed using industry best practice, safety requirements and environmental constraints relevant to a design drafting workplace.

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.

Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards' requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:

- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- relevant specifications and work instructions
- access to appropriate computer hardware and software to enable the production of digital images
- access to electronic equipment required for the presentation of design concept
- workplace instructions relating to safe work practices and addressing hazards and emergencies.
### Method of assessment

Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.

Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both.

Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

**Assessment methods may include:**

- observation of a design presentation in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of design presentation techniques and materials
- sketches and digitally generated images for the presentation of a design concept
- portfolio of sketches and design images
- models representing design concept for a building project.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
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<td>This unit specifies the outcomes required to manage architectural administration and the development of project documentation. It requires the knowledge of the legislation pertaining to project administration and the ability to comply with the organisational requirements for quality assurance. Work is expected to be undertaken in consultation with both internal personnel and external consultants and with limited supervision. No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication. However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).</td>
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<td>1.2 The process for contract documentation development, including the order of precedence, is determined and the associated legal responsibilities are reviewed.</td>
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<td>1.3 The main forms of contracts, their essential components and the process of contract enforcement are reviewed, including the means for dispute resolution.</td>
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<td>1.4 Conditions under which a contract can be deemed valid/invalid are determined.</td>
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<td>Determine requirements for approval submission</td>
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<td>Planning scheme provisions are researched to determine state and local planning policies, <strong>zones</strong> and <strong>overlays</strong> and other provisions affecting land use and development.</td>
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<td><em>Types of planning permit</em> and <strong>additional approvals</strong> are identified and details reviewed according to the requirements of the planning scheme.</td>
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<td>Required <strong>documentation</strong> is identified for planning approval submission according to local council specifications.</td>
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<td>Stages of approval process are determined according to particular project requirements and recorded for inclusion in project management schedule.</td>
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<td>Complete a standard contract</td>
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<td><strong>Quality assurance standards and procedures</strong> are identified which may impact on building projects and contracts.</td>
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<td>Types of <strong>standard architectural/building contracts</strong> required for specific stages in the <strong>documentation process</strong> are identified and the appropriate templates are accessed, including the <strong>relevant legislation</strong> requirements.</td>
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<td>Standard contract is completed ensuring all information is correct and complies with relevant legislation and organisational quality assurance procedures.</td>
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<td><strong>Basic cost indicators</strong> are calculated for a specific building project and invoices are prepared in accordance with organisational procedures.</td>
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| 4 | Determine requirements for copyright compliance |
| 4.1 | Legal principles for **copyright** are identified and the implications for designers are analysed. |
| 4.2 | Organisational procedures for copyright and protection against plagiarism are identified and all documentation is developed in compliance. |

| 5 | Determine requirements for Competition and Consumer Act |
| 5.1 | The provisions of the Competition and Consumer Act that impact on design drafting practices are researched. The impacts of these provisions are analysed and the organisational procedure for their management is followed, to ensure compliance with legislation. |
ELEMENT | PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
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6 | Complete a standard specification
6.1 **Standard forms of specifications** are identified and the limitations are defined with reference to a specific building project.
6.2 Specification is selected and customised as necessary, to suit the building project, in consultation with relevant parties.
6.3 Standard/customised specification for the building project is completed to a professional standard.
7 | Complete project management schedule
7.1 Parameters, milestones and benchmarks associated with a building project are identified.
7.2 **Project constraints** are analysed and strategies are implemented for their management.
7.3 Schedule is produced showing project milestones and various approval stages to ensure effective project management.

**REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE**

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

**Required skills:**

- Communication skills to:
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret complex documents, including:
    - relevant legislation, codes and standards
    - National Construction Code
    - planning permit application requirements and other relevant documentation
  - use language and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
- Written skills to:
  - prepare project documentation
  - correspond with external personnel
- Numeracy skills to calculate basic cost indicators for a building project
- Problem solving skills to:
  - determine appropriate contract to suit an architectural project
  - determine the limitations of standard specifications and justify their selection
- Planning and organising skills to:
  - prepare documentation in readiness for approval stages
  - manage project documentation processes
  - coordinate work with consultants, stakeholders and authorities, as required
- Learning skills to:
  - identify impacts of quality assurance standards and procedures
  - identify legal principles of copyright
- Self management skills to meet timelines and project schedule
- Teamwork skills when working with internal and external personnel
- Technological skills to use computers and other office equipment
- Work safely in a design drafting working environment and on a site according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures

### Required knowledge:
- Common terminology, definitions, methods, process and procedures used in relation to a design drafting office
- Occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) requirements associated with a design drafting office
- Basic understanding of legislation and how it relates to architectural services and the building industry, including:
  - Domestic Building Contracts Act
  - Contract Law
  - Competition and Consumer Act
  - copyright
  - building approvals
  - requirements of statutory authorities
  - Occupational Health and Safety Act/Work Health and Safety Act
  - income tax and GST
  - Australian Standards
- Professional associations and regulatory bodies, including:
  - Building Designers Association of Victoria
  - Master Builders Association of Australia
  - Australian Institute of Architects
  - Victorian Building Authority
  - Housing Industry Association
- Legal liabilities of parties involved in the execution of a building project
- Basic cost indicators for a building project
- Standard architectural/building contracts and their essential components
- Contract documentation process, including order of precedence and relationships between the documents
- Tender process
- Legal liabilities of each party within the terms of the contract conditions under which a contract can be deemed valid/invalid
- Agencies and the means available in the process of contract enforcement
- Means for the resolution of disputes
- The principles of project management
- Use and implication of specification notes on drawings and the difference between a specification
- File transmittal, revision and management of project file
- Project management software, where applicable

### RANGE STATEMENT

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**Additional approvals** include:
- building permit
- environmental licence
- health approval
- heritage approval
- liquor licence
- waste discharge licence
- works approval.

**Documentation** includes, but is not limited to:
- A3 plans
- application form
- boundary re-establishment survey
- concept landscape plan
- copy of title
- requirements of reference authorities
- design response plan
- elevations
- neighbourhood and site description plan
- neighbourhood character design response form
- roof plan
- sections
- shadow diagrams
- site layouts
- site photographs
- streetscape elevation
- written statement.

**Quality assurance standards and procedures** include:
- Australian Standards as they relate to quality assurance
- definitions of quality
- project quality plan
- quality assurance checklist
- quality assurance system, such as:
  - quality management and control
- quality manual
- quality procedure and task instruction.
**Standard architectural/building contracts** are based on:

- availability of builder
- client need
- company policy
- construction time frame
- level of risk
- project size.

**Documentation process** includes:

- concept design
- construction
- contract documentation
- design development
- proposal
- schematic design
- working drawings.

**Relevant legislation** may include:

- Acts and ordinance
- Regulations
- National Construction Code series:
  - Building Code of Australia (BCA), Volume 1 and 2
  - Plumbing Code of Australia, Volume 3
- Australian Standards
- practice and technical notes.

**Basic cost indicators** include:

- cost indicator program
- costing guide
- cost table
- preliminary estimate.

**Copyright** includes:

- copyright duration
- copyright infringement
- copyright of employees
- copyright pertaining to the designer being employed as a subcontractor or secondary consultant
- copyright relating to the use of documents
- definitions
- fees paid to building designers
- intellectual property
- licence to utilise documents on the construction site
- minimising copyright risk
- patent
- registered designs
- trademark.
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Holistic or project-based assessment with other related units is recommended.

### Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:

- comply with OHS/WHS legislation and its relationship to the design office and building sites
- determine requirements for contract legislation, standard architectural and building contracts, contract documentation processes and legal implications for all parties and liability
- comply with copyright and competition and consumer legislation
- apply quality assurance principles
- complete standard contracts and apply specifications associated with a specific architectural project
- complete a project management schedule for an architectural project.
### Context of and specific resources for assessment

Assessment of required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context. Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards’ requirements.

Resource implications for assessment include:
- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements
- documentation, including quality assurance standards and procedures and standard contract templates
- the BCA and relevant Australian Standards and legislation
- project management software.

### Method of assessment

Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance.

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Evidence should:
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may include:
- observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm the knowledge required to manage project administration
- individual/group assignments to research and analyse relevant legislation
- projects to develop project schedule for a building project
- practical exercises to develop documentation for a building project.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff.
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<p>| 1 | Determine requirements for the project | 1.1 Client is consulted to confirm details of building design to develop the project brief. |
| 1.2 Preliminary analysis of planning and local authority regulations is undertaken to ascertain requirements. |
| 1.3 Feasibility study is performed to determine and document the viability of the project. |</p>
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<td>3.5 Design work to be undertaken by <strong>external personnel</strong> is coordinated, as required.</td>
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<td>3.6 Design concepts for internal spaces, finishes and services are developed and relevant documentation is developed or obtained.</td>
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<td>Prepare and coordinate documentation development</td>
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<td>4.1 <strong>Documents</strong> are prepared in accordance with workplace procedures to enable the project to be tendered.</td>
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<td>4.2 Details of <strong>specifications</strong> are integrated into documentation, as required.</td>
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<td>Joinery and internal spaces and electrical documents are prepared or facilitated for inclusion into contract set.</td>
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<td>Drainage and landscape documents are prepared or facilitated for inclusion into contract set.</td>
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<td>Work from specialist consultants is coordinated and integrated into architectural documentation.</td>
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<td>Opinion of probable cost is prepared or facilitated and completed documents are checked and submitted for building approval.</td>
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<td>Prepare a critical path management diagram</td>
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<td>Suitable methods for building <em>procurement</em> are determined according to project brief and organisational procedures.</td>
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<td>Requirements for <em>project supervision</em> are determined to ensure design intent and specifications comply with contract documents and project schedule.</td>
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<td>Stages for the implementation of progress claims, claims for extensions of time and issuing of progress certificates are identified according to the project schedule.</td>
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<td>Stages for the preparation of defect notices and certificates for practical completion and final completion are identified according to the project schedule.</td>
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<td>A critical path management diagram is finalised and confirmed with relevant stakeholders for all stages in the design and construction process.</td>
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REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.

Required skills:

- Communication skills to:
  - enable clear and direct communication, using questioning to identify and confirm requirements and share information with internal and external personnel, where required
  - read and interpret:
    - relevant legislation
    - Australian Standards
    - relevant sections of the National Construction Code
  - use language, terminology and concepts appropriate to industry conventions
  - communicate design concept to client and other stakeholders

- Written skills to:
  - sketch preliminary design solutions and presentation drawings using a variety of media and different techniques, as required
  - prepare documentation to an accepted industry standard

- Problem solving skills to:
  - ascertain local regulatory requirements
  - identify key stages of design and construction process
  - coordinate work from consultants into architectural documentation
  - compare tender processes

- Initiative and enterprise skills to:
  - develop design solutions that meet client requirements
  - negotiate amendments to the client brief

- Planning and organisational skills to:
  - coordinate the team members in the development of documentation
  - liaise with client and stakeholders throughout the project
  - complete work within accepted time frames

- Technological skills to:
  - produce presentation materials and contract documentation using a variety of computer software
  - operate presentation equipment

- Self management skills to coordinate own responsibilities and complete tasks according to project schedule

- Teamwork skills to:
  - coordinate team members and their work output
  - coordinate work from other consultants.

- Work safely in a design drafting working environment and on a site according to legislation and workplace policies and procedures
Required knowledge:

- Relevant legislation, including:
  - Building Act
  - Building Regulations
  - Planning and Environment Act
  - Occupational Health and Safety Act/Work Health and Safety Act
  - Domestic Buildings Contracts Act
  - Building and Construction Security of Payment Act
  - Environment Protection Act and Regulations
  - Disability Services Act
  - Health Act and Regulations
  - Heritage Regulations
- Relevant sections of the BCA
- State and local regulatory requirements
- Legal responsibilities of building designers
- Sustainable building practices
- Essential safety measures for buildings
- Construction materials and finishes
- Construction and structural principles
- Design theories and principles
- Workplace procedures and documentation requirements for building project administration
- Digital software used in the production of presentation materials and documentation

RANGE STATEMENT

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| Site analysis includes: | • local climate conditions  
| | • physical characteristics  
| | • relationship of site to adjoining buildings and surrounding environment. |

| Client requirements include: |
| | • allocation of space  
| | • any limitations that impact on the design  
| | • budget estimate, including construction, design and statutory costs  
| | • construction methodology  
| | • fittings and furniture |
### Undertake complex architectural projects

- intended site
- materials and finishes
- project timelines
- purpose and function of the proposed building
- specific fixtures.

### Presentation materials

**Presentation materials** include:

- 2D images
- 3D images
- animated views
- models
- plans and elevations.

### External personnel

**External personnel includes:**

- electricians
- engineers
- heating, ventilation and air-conditioning engineers
- interior designers
- landscapers
- plumbers.

### Documents

**Documents include:**

- project brief.

### Specifications

**Specifications include:**

- appliances
- interior and exterior finishes
- type, strength and size/quantity of materials
- workmanship.

### Procurement

**Procurement includes:**

- forms of tendering
- lump sum
- design and construct
- cost plus.

### Project supervision

**Project supervision includes:**

- administering variations and obtaining client approvals
- meeting with client, contractors and other stakeholders
- periodic site visits
- providing instructions to clarify contract documents
- providing supplementary details and information
- reviewing shop drawings and other builder’s submissions.
## EVIDENCE GUIDE

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| Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit | A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:  
- comply with legislative requirements applicable to the design of buildings  
- develop a design and documentation for a residential and/or commercial building in compliance with the relevant legislation  
- develop a critical path management diagram according to the project schedule  
- comply with the organisational processes for project administration. |
| Context of and specific resources for assessment | Assessment of essential required knowledge will usually be conducted in an off-site context.  
Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards’ requirements.  
Resource implications for assessment include:  
- realistic tasks or simulated tasks covering the mandatory task requirements  
- relevant specifications and documentation, including land title, site plan, working drawings and specifications and relevant legislation  
- appropriate support materials  
- research resources, including industry-related information. |
| Method of assessment | Evidence should be gained through a range of methods to ensure valid and reliable assessment and consistency in performance. Evidence should be gathered as part of the learning process, where appropriate, and could be from assessment of the unit alone, through an integrated assessment activity or a combination of both. Evidence should:

- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- be transferable to other circumstances and environments
- relate to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Assessment methods may:

- include observation of tasks in real or simulated work conditions, with questioning to confirm knowledge of legislative requirements for the design of a residential or commercial building
- reinforce the integration of Employability Skills with workplace tasks and job roles
- include evidence relating to a number of performances assessed on different occasions which reflects the scope of the job role.

Supplementary evidence of competency may be obtained from relevant authenticated documentation from third parties, such as existing supervisors, team leaders or specialist training staff. |
### Unit code and title
VU22470 Conduct, interpret and apply a Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessment

### Unit descriptor
This unit specifies the outcomes required to conduct, interpret and apply Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) assessments to the design and construction of buildings. This includes relevant theoretical knowledge of fire, understanding of the regulatory framework, assessing a location and education of, and consultation with, clients about the benefits of achieving the required fire resistance.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

However, this unit forms part of a minimum qualification requirement for registration with the Victorian Building Authority as a building designer (architectural).

### Employability Skills
This unit contains Employability Skills.

### Application of the unit
This unit is aimed at determining and applying the outcome of a BAL assessment to building design, material selection and construction methods so that buildings better withstand the effects of a bushfire and provide greater protection for occupants and buildings. It involves a methodical, stepped process to determine and assess the bushfire risk of the site and the determination of the BAL using Method 1 (the simplified bushfire risk method from AS 3959).

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<p>| 1 | Analyse cause and effect of bushfires | 1.1 | Requirements relevant to undertaking a BAL assessment are identified and complied with, including <em>occupational health and safety (OHS)</em>/<em>work health and safety (WHS)</em>, legislative, organisational and certification requirements. |
|   |                                     | 1.2 | <em>Bushfire behaviour</em> is analysed to determine potential impact on <em>buildings</em> and the environment in bushfire-prone areas. |
|   |                                     | 1.3 | The impact of topography and weather conditions are analysed to determine the risk of bushfires occurring and potential impact on human life and protection of buildings. |</p>
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<td><strong>Stakeholders</strong> are consulted and <strong>information sources</strong> accessed to identify benefits of undertaking a BAL assessment.</td>
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<td>Responsibilities of local, state and national authorities are reviewed to determine their role in minimising the impact of bushfires.</td>
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<td><strong>Correlate information about site conditions</strong></td>
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<td>Objectives of <strong>legislation and standards</strong> covering buildings in bushfire-prone areas are reviewed to identify measures to improve performance of buildings when subjected to bushfire attack.</td>
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<td>The location of the site is identified to determine the <strong>Fire Danger Index (FDI)</strong> for the site.</td>
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<td>Site <strong>vegetation classification</strong>, <strong>vegetation type</strong> and <strong>exclusions</strong> are identified to determine potential contribution to supporting fire progress.</td>
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<td>The <strong>distance of vegetation</strong> from buildings is measured to determine the level of bushfire risk to the site.</td>
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<td>The <strong>slope</strong> of the land under the classified vegetation is measured to determine the direct influence on the severity of a bushfire.</td>
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<td><strong>Determine the BAL for site</strong></td>
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<td>The FDI, vegetation classification and type, distance of vegetation and slope are used to select the BAL applicable to the site.</td>
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<td>The BAL assessment relevant to the site is checked to confirm accuracy.</td>
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<td>The BAL assessment limitations are communicated to client and benefits of achieving required fire resistance is discussed.</td>
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<td>Details of the BAL assessment are documented and reported according to organisational requirements.</td>
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### REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

*This describes the essential skills and knowledge and their level, required for this unit.*

**Required skills:**

- Communication skills to:
  - use appropriate communication and interpersonal techniques with colleagues, clients and others
  - accurately record and report workplace information, and maintain documentation
- Comply with legislation, regulations, standards, codes of practice and established safe practices and procedures for undertaking and applying a BAL assessment to the design and construction process
- Problem solving skills to:
  - analyse, interpret and integrate information
  - identify problems and apply appropriate response procedures
- Planning and organising skills to prepare resources required for site assessment
### Required knowledge:
- Applicable Commonwealth, state or territory licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements and codes of practice relevant to the full range of processes for evaluating fire potential and prevention
- Organisational and site standards, requirements, policies and procedures for undertaking and applying a BAL assessment to the design and construction process
- Purpose and processes associated with undertaking a BAL assessment
- Underlying principles for incorporating the outcomes from a BAL assessment into the design and construction process
- Principles of cultural diversity and access and equity
- Environmental protection requirements
- Established communication channels and protocols
- Problem solving techniques
- Environmental risks and hazard prevention
- Procedures for recording, reporting and maintaining workplace records and information
- Appropriate mathematical procedures for estimation and measurement

### RANGE STATEMENT

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<th>Occupational health and safety (OHS)/work health and safety (WHS) requirements may include, but are not limited to:</th>
<th>the use of personal protective equipment and clothing safety equipment first aid equipment hazard and risk control appropriate Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) appropriate fitness for the task.</th>
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<td>Bushfire behaviour includes:</td>
<td>how bushfires move across different landscapes and vegetation heat transfer – convection, radiation, conduction ember attack variable weather conditions nature and outcome of fire.</td>
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<td>Buildings include:</td>
<td>new buildings alterations and additions to existing buildings.</td>
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<td>Sources of combustion include, but are not limited to:</td>
<td>those specified in the relevant Australian Standards referred to in the Building Act and its associated codes e.g. National Construction Code (NCC) as applicable, including state and territory variations.</td>
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### Stakeholders

Include, but are not limited to:
- clients
- residents in identified high risk areas
- architects
- building designers
- building surveyors
- builders and land developers
- local fire authorities
- community groups
- regulatory authorities.

### Information sources

Include, but are not limited to:
- internet
- building industry associations
- fire services
- local council
- national and state governments
- libraries
- Victorian Building Authority.

### Legislation and standards

Include, but are not limited to:
- Building Act/planning scheme and its associated codes e.g. NCC as applicable, including state and territory variations, Victorian building regulations.
- Planning scheme
- AS 1530 Methods for fire tests on building materials, components and structure
- AS 1684 Residential timber-framed construction
- AS 1720 Timber structures-Design methods
- AS 3837 Method of test for heat and smoke release rates for materials and products using an oxygen consumption calorimeter
- AS 3959 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas.

### Fire Danger Index (FDI):

- measures the probability of a bushfire starting and includes the rate of spread, intensity and difficulty of suppression according to various combinations of temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and estimate of fuel state.

### Vegetation classification

As stated in the Australian Standards includes:
- forest
- woodland
- shrubland
- scrub
- mallee/mulga
- rainforest
- grassland.
Vegetation type as stated in the Australian Standards includes:

- tall woodland
- open forest
- low open forest
- pine plantation
- woodland
- open woodland
- low woodland
- low open woodland
- open shrubland
- closed heath
- open heath
- low shrubland
- closed scrub
- open scrub
- tall shrubland
- tall closed forest
- closed forest
- low closed forest
- low open shrubland
- hummock grassland
- closed tussock grassland
- tussock grassland
- open tussock
- sparse open tussock
- dense sown pasture
- sown pasture
- open herbfield
- sparse open herbfield.

Exclusions include:

- low threat vegetation and non-vegetated areas refer to AS 3959.

Distance of vegetation:

- measured horizontally from the edge of the building, including parts of the building without external walls e.g. decking, carport to the edge of the vegetation closest to the building.

Slope refers to:

- the upslope or downslope of land under the classified vegetation in relation to the building, not the slope between the classified vegetation and the building, refers to the limitations of Method 1 and Method 2 in AS 3959.
**Definitions associated with bushfires** include, but are not limited to:
- BAL
- FDI
- Fire Resistance Level (FRL)
- Flame Zone (FZ)
- distance of vegetation
- slope
- vegetation classification and type.

**Effects of bushfires** include, but are not limited to:
- ember attack
- radiant heat
- direct flame contact.

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**Overview of assessment**

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**Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit**

A person who demonstrates competency in this unit must be able to provide evidence of the ability to:
- comply with applicable Commonwealth, state or territory legislative and regulatory requirements and codes of practice, including OHS/WHS, environmental and organisational policies and procedures relevant to undertaking and applying a BAL assessment to the design and construction process
- communicate effectively and work safely with others
- determine the level of bushfire risk by undertaking a minimum of two separate BAL assessments. Competency must be assessed on actual sites and include different vegetation classifications and site slopes
- incorporate the outcomes of one of the BAL assessments conducted into the design and construction of at least one building.
| Context of and specific resources for assessment | Assessment is to comply with relevant regulatory or Australian Standards requirements. Assessment of essential underpinning knowledge, other than confirmatory questions, will usually be conducted in an off-site context. Assessment of competency for the conduct and application of BAL assessments **must be based on actual sites**. The following resources should be made available to conduct and apply a BAL assessment on an actual site:  
- a range of appropriate sites  
- specifications and work instructions  
- clipboard, pencil and scale rule  
- appropriate measuring instruments  
- magnetic compass and/or Global Positioning System (GPS) (for remote areas)  
- digital camera  
- Internet access for aerial views e.g. Google maps, Nearmap  
- AS 3959 Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas  
- Australian Standards Handbook HB 330 Living in bushfire-prone areas  
- industry practice notes  
- ongoing professional development requirements  
- BAL assessments  
- materials and equipment relevant to applying outcomes from BAL assessments to the design and construction process. |
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<td>Assessment must satisfy the Assessment Guidelines of the course and must be undertaken on appropriate sites. Assessment must be by direct observation of tasks, with questioning on underpinning knowledge and must also reinforce the integration of Employability Skills. The assessment environment should not disadvantage the candidate. Assessment practices should take into account any relevant language or cultural issues related to Aboriginality, gender or language backgrounds other than English. Where the participant has a disability, reasonable adjustment may be applied during assessment.</td>
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Language and literacy demands of the assessment task should not be higher than those of the work role.

Assessment methods must confirm consistency and accuracy of performance together with application of underpinning knowledge for two separate BAL assessments and their interpretation and application to the design of at least one building.

Assessment methods must confirm the ability to correctly interpret and apply the essential underpinning knowledge.

Assessment methods may include:

- direct observation in real-work conditions with questioning to confirm knowledge of relevant theoretical knowledge of fire, bushfire and regulatory requirements
- research and report on case studies of a range of:
  - BAL assessments for underpinning knowledge
  - designs incorporating BAL assessments
- review of written assignment on benefits of educating and consulting with clients
- review of written assignment on bushfire protection requirements in building designs
- evaluation of reports on causes and effects of bushfires
- review of documentation of BAL assessments
- review of Australian Standards referenced for incorporation into designs for bushfire resistant construction.
### Appendix A: Employability Skills summary

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<td><strong>Communication</strong> that contributes to productive and harmonious relations across employees and customers</td>
<td>• Interacting and using appropriate interpersonal techniques with colleagues, clients and others  &lt;br&gt; • Liaising with regulatory bodies using specialist technical terms  &lt;br&gt; • Reading and interpreting research material, including architectural literature and relevant legislation  &lt;br&gt; • Developing drawings, plans, specifications and planning approval documentation  &lt;br&gt; • Questioning, listening and interpreting client design needs  &lt;br&gt; • Accurately recording and reporting workplace information to industry standard</td>
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<td><strong>Teamwork</strong> that contributes to productive working relationships and outcomes</td>
<td>• Working with clients and building professionals to finalise design concepts  &lt;br&gt; • Contributing to team meetings concerning a building brief  &lt;br&gt; • Coordinating input of expert advice where appropriate  &lt;br&gt; • Facilitating meetings between clients and teams</td>
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<td><strong>Problem solving</strong> that contributes to productive outcomes</td>
<td>• Negotiating resolutions for planning permit applications  &lt;br&gt; • Analysing design problems and implementing remedial solutions  &lt;br&gt; • Analysing site topography and weather conditions to determine risk of bushfires occurring and potential risk to buildings and occupants  &lt;br&gt; • Interpreting complex calculations relating to building designs’ structural requirements and load effects of force and movement on structural elements  &lt;br&gt; • Making recommendations for the selection of emerging materials for building projects</td>
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