

**IS BUILDING APPROVAL REQUIRED?**

Ticking **yes** means it is likely a building approval will be required

**YES**

**NO**

	YES	NO
<b>Decks, patios, pergolas, sheds – where:</b>		
more than 1m above natural ground		
more than 10m <sup>2</sup> plan area		
more than 2.4m high, with a mean height of more than 2.1m		
any side is more than 5m long		
<b>Fencing – where:</b>		
new pool fencing, including major repairs/maintenance		
non-pool fencing with a height greater than 2m above natural ground		
<b>Retaining walls – where:</b>		
the height of the wall or the cut/fill is more than 1m above natural ground		
the wall is closer than 1.5m to a building or another retaining wall		
there is a surcharge loading over the zone of influence for the wall		
the wall forms part of the fencing for a pool		
<b>Filling and excavation – where:</b>		
the cut/fill is greater than 1m above/below natural ground		
<b>Repairs, maintenance and alterations – where:</b>		
the building/structure's floor area or height are changed		
the work affects more than 20% of the building's structural components		
the GFA of the new work is greater than 20% of the existing GFA or more than 40m <sup>2</sup> of a storey		
<b>Aerials, antennas and satellite dishes – where:</b>		
more than 10m above natural ground or 3.5m above a building (where attached)		
<b>Signage – where:</b>		
attached to a building		
higher than 2m		
wider than 1.2m		
<b>Tents – where the floor area is greater than 500m<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>Other structures (eg playground equipment) – where more than 3m above natural ground</b>		

Professional Certification Group recommends you contact one of our building certifiers for site-specific advice.  
Council planning regulations may affect whether an approval is required or not.

Notes:

- Please note this checklist is a guide only and cannot cover all circumstances or situations;
- Council zoning and/or overlay constraints may affect approval requirements. For example, development within Brisbane City Council's Traditional Building Character Overlay may trigger approvals that would not be required in other areas;
- New building work must comply with current building codes and legislation.

**Further information:**

If you are unsure on whether an approval will be required, please email [enquiry@pcgroup.net.au](mailto:enquiry@pcgroup.net.au) or phone 1300 060 136 to discuss your proposal with one of our certifiers. For commercial building work, please contact our commercial team at [commercial@pcgroup.net.au](mailto:commercial@pcgroup.net.au)