

OWNER BUILDER DECLARATION (Domestic Building Work)

I.....owner of.....

Intend to carry out building work as per the accompanying building permit application. I understand that as an owner I must comply with the requirements of the Building Act 1993 regarding the following:

As an owner builder, i have been informed the following responsibilities may relate to my project.

1. Any contractor/s engaged for certain work where the value exceeds \$5,000 (*i.e. concreters, bricklayers, carpenters, cabinet makers, roof tilers etc.*) are required to be registered practitioners.
2. When using certain tradespersons where the value of the work exceeds \$5,000 a written (major domestic) building contract must be entered into.
3. When using certain tradespersons where the value of the work exceeds \$16,000 they must provide warranty insurance (*cover provides 6 years for structural and 2 years for non structural work*). Copies must be forwarded to Conti Group Building Consultants.
4. Owner Builders must obtain a 'Certificate of Consent' from the Building Practitioners Board in order to obtain a building permit to carry out domestic building work valued over \$16,000. Please contact the Victorian Building Authority on 1300 815 127 for an information kit.
5. If a new building practitioner is engaged after a building permit has been issued the owner must notify the relevant building surveyor within fourteen (14) days of the engagement.
6. If a new builder has been engaged for domestic works for which a building permit has been issued, the new builder must notify the relevant building surveyor in writing of their required insurance details (*for work over \$16,000*) as soon as practicable.
7. When property protection works are required, the owner must obtain insurance to protect the adjacent neighbour(s) both during construction and for a period of twelve (12) months after completion of the work.
8. Prior to entering into a contract of sale for a home built by an owner builder, which is less than 6.5 years old from the date of completion, the owner must:
 - (a) obtain an inspection report from a prescribed practitioner that lists the details, conditions, defects and incomplete works; and
 - (b) obtain the prescribed warranty cover for the works, which will cover the time remaining of the six (6½) year period, which commences from the completion date of the works.
This report should be not more than six (6) months old at the time the contract of sale is signed.
8. As an owner/builder the owner is expected to have the expertise of a builder. The relevant building surveyor is responsible for enforcement and carrying out the mandatory inspections only and is not a building consultant.



9. I am required to carry the appropriate all risk building insurance that will conclusively cover unforeseen matters pertaining to the site works such as public liability, fire, theft. Etc
10. A person must not knowingly make any false or misleading statement or provide any false or misleading information to a person or body carrying out any function under the Act or Regulations. This will incur a \$1,000 maximum penalty.

I have read and understood the above requirements of an owner builder.

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PRINT NAME

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(Signature of Owner/Builder)

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(Date)