



Article – Understanding the NCC

NCC 2022 Adoption

Title

Understanding NCC 2022

Description

[NCC 2022 has been adopted](#), marking one of the biggest changes to an edition of the National Construction Code since the Building Codes of Australia and the Plumbing Code of Australia were combined in 2011.

To help you navigate these changes and better understand NCC 2022, the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) have curated a set of helpful resources.

Content

Why does NCC 2022 look different?

NCC 2022 uses a new structure and number convention to create better consistency across all volumes.

This means the ABCB reorganised the Code's content to improve the user experience and make it more web accessible.

To assist with this change, the old clause numbers will continue to be listed on the right-hand side of the document as a handy reference.

[<Read more about the improved NCC useability>](#)

NCC 2022 Video Series

In the lead up to the adoption of NCC 2022, the ABCB hosted a series of seminars and webinars. These events help practitioners prepare for the changes that impact their industry.

The seminars held between July and September 2022 covered most of the key changes for Volume One, Volume Two and Volume Three, including:

- New volume structure and clause referencing system
- Fire safety for external walls
- Egress provisions for early childhood centres and primary schools
- Bushfire protection for Class 9 buildings
- Waterproofing
- Masonry
- Lead free plumbing products
- Water efficiency and alignment with the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards scheme
- Water services
- Quantification of Performance Requirements
- New cross-connection hazard rating Verification Method
- New pipe sizing Verification Methods
- On-site wastewater management
- WaterMark Certification Scheme
- And much more

[<watch the 2022 NCC Seminar videos here>](#)

The webinars held in March 2023 covered the remaining key changes and new provisions in NCC 2022 Volume One and Volume Two for energy efficiency, condensation management, and livable housing design.

[<watch the NCC 2022 Webinar Series videos here>](#)

News and articles

The ABCB's news page offers informative articles related to NCC 2022. Read about topics such as the [new quantified Performance Requirements](#), [livable housing design requirements](#) and the new requirements for [early childhood centres and primary schools in multi-storey buildings](#).

[<Visit their news page to stay updated>](#)

Overview of key changes

They have developed a [series of articles](#) that provide a snapshot of some of the key changes and new requirements in NCC 2022. The articles cover the following topics:

- Energy efficiency and condensation
- Performance
- Health and amenity
- Structural safety
- Plumbing and drainage
- Fire safety

Helpful handbooks

The ABCB resource library includes handbooks on different topics. The handbooks provide guidance and assist practitioners to understand the NCC. A number of handbooks have been created or updated for use with NCC 2022. These include the Cross Connection Control handbook, the Indoor Air Quality Verification Methods handbook, the Housing Energy Efficiency handbook and more.

[<Access the handbooks>](#)

Resource library

The ABCB are committed to ensuring practitioners of all experience levels can understand and apply the code.

As well as articles, handbooks and calculators they regularly produce resources such as videos, infographics, case studies and more. These resources are designed to support you in your job and education.

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