

Submission to Queensland Government for BSA review

Obtaining a License

I am the Managing Director of a construction company; I have held this role since 2007. Our company traded with a nominee builder that was employed by our company. I successfully completed a Diploma in Construction through Queensland TAFE; I then applied for my builder's license through the BSA. It took over 10 months for me to gain this license due to the fact that I needed three references from other Builders even though I have extensive experience within the construction industry. I believe that this is a flaw in the licensing process.

If you hold a management role within a company it is impossible to up skill your qualifications without going to work for someone else. I believe that if you are already employed by a construction company and have the technical qualifications and can prove your experience within that company you should be able to be issued a license. Furthermore that if a licensed builder wishes to upgrade his license after acquiring the technical requirements that he should also be able to do so without having to go and work for another construction company for four years. The length of time to process applications is very slow and is costing both small business and the economy significant money.

License Classes

Medium Rise Builders License- A medium rise license allows a builder to construct a building to a limit of three stories. A low rise license allows a builder to construct a building up to two stories. An open license is not restricted for example you could build one hundred stories, effectively a medium rise license only allows you to build one extra story than the basic low rise license. I believe that a medium rise license should have the three level height restriction increased to between 6 to 8 levels this would then provide a greater scope of work for this class of license and provide a better balance of license classes.