Construction – **Residential**

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National Standard for Construction Work – Definitions >

This information bulletin provides guidance to house builders on meaning of various terms used in the National Standard for Construction Work and NT WorkSafe information bulletins.

'Construction work' means any work on or in the vicinity of a construction site carried out in connection with the construction, alteration, conversion, fitting out, commissioning, renovation, repair, maintenance, de-commissioning, demolition or dismantling of any structure, and includes:

(a) the demolition or dismantling of a structure, or part of a structure, and the removal from the construction site of any product or waste resulting from the demolition or dismantling;
(b) the assembly of prefabricated elements to form a structure or the disassembly of prefabricated elements, which, immediately before such disassembly, formed a structure;
(c) any work in connection with any excavation, landscaping, preparatory work, or site preparation carried out for the purpose of any work referred to in this definition; and
(d) any work referred to in this definition carried out under water, including work on buoys, obstructions to navigation, rafts, ships, and wrecks;

but does not include the exploration for or extraction of mineral resources or preparatory work relating to the extraction carried out at a place where such exploration or extraction is carried out.

'Construction project' means a project involving construction work, and includes design, preparation, and planning.

'Construction site' means a place at which construction work is undertaken, and any other area in the vicinity where plant or other material used or to be used in connection with the construction work is located or kept during the construction work. It does not include a place where elements are manufactured 'off site' or where construction material is stored as stock for sale or for hire.

'Demolition' means the complete or partial dismantling of a structure by planned and controlled methods or procedures.

'Structure' means:
(a) any building, steel or reinforced concrete construction, railway line or siding, tramway line, dock, ship, submarine, harbour, inland navigation channel, tunnel, shaft, bridge, viaduct, waterworks, reservoir, pipe or pipeline (whatever it contains or is intended to contain), structural cable, aqueduct, sewer, sewerage works, gasholder, road, airfield, sea defence works, river works, drainage works, earthworks, constructed lagoon, dam, wall, mast, tower, pylon, underground tank, earth retaining construction, fixed plant, construction designed to preserve or alter any natural feature, and any other similar construction, and
(b) any formwork, falsework, scaffold or other construction designed or used to provide support or access during construction work.

For more information please refer to the NATIONAL STANDARD FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK [NOHSC:1016 (2005)]

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