

NCC 2022 is here Article

Description

NCC 2022 is now available

Content

Consistent with the decision of Building Ministers, NCC 2022 is now available for those who wish to use the new provisions.

NCC 2022 will be adopted by the states and territories on 1 May 2023.

Building Ministers also agreed to transitional arrangements for the following specific requirements:

- New livable housing requirements commence **1 October 2023**
- New energy efficiency and condensation mitigation requirements commence **1 October 2023**
- New lead free plumbing product requirements commence **1 September 2025**.

Until these adoption dates, NCC 2019 Amendment 1 remains in-force.

Read the Australian Building Codes Board's (ABCB) <u>article on using NCC 2022 prior to 1 May</u> 2023.

NCC Online

The ABCB recommends users access the new edition of the code online at NCC Online.

The online version of NCC 2022 will display a watermark saying it doesn't commence until 1 May 2023. This is to remind online users that NCC 2019 Amendment 1 continues to be the edition in effect under state and territory building regulations.

The ABCB have made a number of enhancements to their website to make accessing and using the Code an easier and faster experience.

This includes removing the requirement to log in to NCC Online to access the code or any of the previous editions. This mean users no longer need to register or log in to read the NCC.

But while you don't need a login anymore, the ABCB still recommends <u>registering as a</u> <u>user</u> so you can stay up to date with news and announcements, including consultations and resources they've released.



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Where can I get a copy of NCC 2022?

NCC Online is the authorised source of all things NCC 2022.

Visit the ABCB website to download PDF versions of all 3 NCC Volumes and the ABCB standards , which you can save to your device.

You'll also be able to purchase a printed copy of NCC 2022 from the ABCB's <u>commercial</u> <u>providers</u> in due course.

Why does the NCC look different?

NCC 2022 uses a new structure and clause referencing system to create better consistency across all volumes.

While the new Section-Part-Type-Clause system makes the NCC look different at first, it's allowed the ABCB to reorganise the Code's content to improve user experience, and make it more web accessible.

To help users get used to the new clause reference system, the old clause numbers will continue to be listed on the right hand side of the document as a handy reference.

The new structure also makes the code more machine readable. This supports new technologies, with the code able to now be integrated into tools like Computer-Aided Design (CAD) systems and Building Information Management (BIM) systems.

You can read more about the <u>Improved NCC useability initiative here</u>.