



# Painting Professionals

## New Legislation for Western Australia

From 1 July 2011, painters' registration, complaints and industry compliance will be regulated under new building services legislation, which will be administered by the Building Commission, a division of the Department of Commerce.

The building services legislation establishes a new Building Services Board and a new framework for the registration and regulation of building service providers. Initially this will be painters and builders, followed by plumbers and building surveyors in the future.

### Why engage a Registered Painter?

Painters that are registered have demonstrated that they are competent to operate in the industry. Registration places the responsibility with painters to ensure their work is of a high standard. From 1 July 2011, all persons contracting for or carrying out painting or wallpaper hanging work valued over \$700 are required to be registered. Penalties apply for not complying with this requirement.

Check if your painter is registered at  
[www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au](http://www.buildingcommission.wa.gov.au).

### What must be carried out by a Registered Painter?

If the work is valued at over \$700 and involves painting the whole or part of a building or other structure recognised by law as a fixture (but not including floors, paths or driveways comprising of concrete or other similar substances), it must be carried out by a registered painter. It does not include sign writing, but does include wallpaper hanging and similar substances and the application of roof coating.

### Applications in progress

Applications for painters' registration that are received by the Painters' Registration Board prior to 1 July 2011, will be dealt with by the new Building Services Board under the existing process.

### Complaints in progress

Complaints about unsatisfactory painting work that are received by the Painters' Registration Board prior to 1 July 2011 will be transferred to the new complaint resolution process under the Building Commission.

### NEW CATEGORIES OF REGISTRATION

#### Painting Service Practitioner

Individuals who do not contract with others to provide painting services, but wish to be employed as the nominated supervisor for a registered 'painting service contractor', must be a registered 'painting service practitioner'.

#### Painting Service Contractor

Individuals, partnerships and companies that wish to contract with others to provide painting services must be a registered 'painting service contractor'. Partnerships and companies will be required to have at least one nominated supervisor who is a registered 'painting service practitioner'.

#### Currently Registered Painters

Painters that are currently registered under the *Painters' Registration Act 1961* will automatically continue to be registered under the building services legislation as a 'painting service contractor'.

### STATE-WIDE IMPLEMENTATION

Currently the requirement for painters' registration only applies within the Painters' Registration Board's area of jurisdiction. The new building services legislation will change this requirement to include the whole of the state.

However, following the commencement of the building services legislation on 1 July 2011, a transitional period will be in force that will exempt persons from requiring registration in areas outside the current Board's area of jurisdiction. The Building Commission will then consult with stakeholders to plan the implementation of state-wide painters' registration.

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