

Building Work Supervisor Registration

Technical Interview Information

Building Work Contractors Act 1995

Applicants who do not meet a defined qualification pathway as per the Standard Registration Conditions List will be required to attend an interview with the Commissioner's Technical Officer to demonstrate their knowledge and experience in relation to the building work condition(s) applied for.

Purpose of the technical interview?

A consumer has the right to expect that any building work performed is carried out with care and in accordance with current building codes and industry expectations. A building work supervisor has **significant responsibility** on a work site to ensure compliance is maintained, often through prompt and effective decision-making, guidance or instruction. It is therefore essential that a supervisor understands all relevant building work requirements and is able to explain these in detail when required.

The technical interview is intended to put the applicant "on the spot" in a scenario-based exercise, which will test recall of various building principles, methods, technology and strategies, along with legislative requirements relevant to on-site building work.

What is included in the technical interview?

Technical interviews are based on the condition(s) of building work applied for, to include content an applicant with appropriate on-site experience is expected to have knowledge of. **It is expected that applicants will have on-site experience** relevant to the applied for scope of building work prior to lodging an application.

Technical interviews are conducted in accordance with Schedule 2 of the *Building Work Contractor Regulations 2011*. An applicant is subject to detailed questions to establish their knowledge within the relevant trades. Applicants may be asked to identify and apply the legislation, codes/standards and compliance approvals required for on-site building work. The interview may also include interpretation of building plans and specifications, diagrams, calculations, understanding structural principles, construction sequences and requirements for WHS site set up and operation.

How is the technical interview assessed?

The technical interview assessment takes into consideration the totality of the answers when determining whether an applicant has demonstrated the necessary knowledge. An incorrect or incomplete answer related to an aspect of building work critical to the construction process may be enough for an applicant to receive an unsuccessful interview outcome. In the instance of an unsuccessful outcome, CBS will provide applicants with an interview report highlighting areas assessed as deficient by the Technical Officer.

How is the interview conducted?

Technical interviews are conducted in person at the CBS office or via a video meeting platform in selected instances. Applicants attending online must be alone in a quiet location during the technical interview. Please note only a desktop, laptop or stationary tablet with a stable connection may be used to participate in the interview. Interviews will be terminated if an incorrect device is used or connection quality is poor.

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