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General Building Information Sheet

Building Certification and Building Approvals

- The legislation controlling building work in Queensland includes the *Planning Act*, the *Building Act*, the *Building Regulation*, the *Building Code of Australia* and the *Queensland Development Code*. This includes applications for most forms of development including building work.
- You have a choice of using your Council or a private certifier. If a private building certifier is engaged, a notice of engagement must be sent to the Murweh Shire Council. When the building approval is issued by the private certifier they must forward a copy of the approval documents to Council.

Building applications are necessary for these types of building activities:

- New dwellings or commercial buildings
- Alterations or additions to existing buildings
- Restumping
- Building removal and relocation
- Demolitions
- Carports and sheds 10m² or larger
- Gazebos, pergolas and shade sails over 10 square meters
- Fences over 2 meters in height above the natural ground level
- Retaining walls over 1 meter in height, or within 1.5m of a building or other retaining wall
- Swimming pools and spas

Plumbing and Drainage

- A plumbing application is required to be submitted to Council for any plumbing and drainage carried out to domestic and/or commercial properties. Plumbing and drainage, amongst other things, can consist of new or additional plumbing fixtures (toilets, basins, showers).
- Plumbing applications are made on Form 1 under the *Plumbing and Drainage Act*.

QBCC Insurance

- The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) provides a homeowner's protection scheme on domestic construction work. Registered builders and licensed contractors **must pay insurance when the value of residential works exceeds \$3,300**.
- Evidence of cover by the registered contractor should accompany the application.
- QBCC insurance is not payable on building work where an owner builder number has been obtained or on commercial work.

Please contact QBCC on 1300 272 272 for owner builder applications and accredited course details or log onto www.qbcc.qld.gov.au

QLEAVE

- For works costing **\$150,000 or more**, the QLEAVE (Portable Long Service Leave Scheme Levy) form and receipt of payment must be sighted by building certifiers prior to approval and should accompany the application.

Lodging an Application

When submitting a building application the application must consist of the following:

- DA Form 2
- Plans (including site plan, floor plan and elevations)
- Application fee

How and Where to Lodge

Applications can be lodged in person, via email or via the mail address below

By Email:

mail@murweh.qld.gov.au

By Post:

Murweh Shire Council
PO Box 63
Charleville QLD 4470

In Person:

Murweh Shire Council Office
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