

Company Profile



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OUR COMPANY

Certified Building Solutions was established in Canberra in 1999. The founders of the company were intent on creating a reputation for professionalism, commitment and client satisfaction. With this overarching principle, we have provided quality building certification services to a broad range of clients for all classes of construction. Careful expansion of the company has enhanced our culture of client-oriented quality service. We are committed to maintaining our place as one of the premier building certification companies in the ACT.

OUR MISSION

Blend professionalism and personal service to provide building certification services of the highest quality in a timely manner.

OUR ROLE

The principal role of Certified Building Solutions is the assessment of building projects for approval under appropriate legislation. This involves assessment of projects against the Building Code of Australia and building regulations, inspection of work during construction to ensure compliance and, on completion of the work, the recommendation for the issue of a certificate of occupancy or use.

Range of Services

Certified Building Solutions offers a comprehensive range of building surveying services including:

- Building Certification (building approvals, inspections) of all classifications of Buildings;
- Verification of Development Application (DA) exemption for single residential building projects;
- Preparation of Unit Titling Assessment Reports;
- Preliminary Building Code of Australia (BCA) compliance reports;
- Full BCA Compliance Reports;
- Advice on and interpretation of the Building Code of Australia and building legislation;
- Advice on the approvals process for construction in the ACT;
- Attendance at meetings with clients and providing advice on building code and legislative requirements; and
- Advice on environmental health matters, fire engineering and environmental sustainability pertaining to building projects.

OUR CLIENTS

Certified Building Solutions provides efficient, competitive and high quality service. We are structured and have the experience to provide either personalised service or a project team approach, depending on the needs and preferences of our clients. We have a track record of projects being completed in a timely manner, which has resulted in clients returning to use our services time and again.

Our range of clients include building owners, architects, builders, business and professional people, churches, home owners, project managers, property developers, schools and universities, local and Commonwealth government agencies.

OUR EXPERTISE

Building Surveying

We have expertise in the interpretation of the Building Code of Australia and wide experience in the approval, certification and inspection of all classes of buildings. We can provide information and/or advice on all aspects of the building process including such areas as:

- Disability access
- Fire safety
- Egress
- Difficult sites including landslip, high wind loadings, flood zones
- Environmentally-sensitive areas
- Special use buildings

To ensure a continuing high level of quality service, all our professional staff participate in a program of continuous professional development.

Certified Building Solutions Pty Ltd is licensed as a Principal Building Surveyor in the ACT. Six of our building surveyors (certifiers) are members of and hold national accreditation with the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors, with five of these individually licensed as Principal Building Surveyors in the Australian Capital Territory. We have another fully qualified building surveyor who is licensed as a General Building Surveyor in the Australian Capital Territory and one graduate building surveyor who is in the process of completing the training needed to gain accreditation with the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors.

Environmental Health

Our environmental health division is headed by Petri Laajoki and can provide advice on the legislative and regulatory requirements of environmental health, in particular in relation to food safety.

Administration and Technical Support

Certified Building Solutions has a team of four staff providing administration and technical support, ensuring fast and efficient responses to clients and allowing the Principal Building Surveyors to focus on providing professional services to our clients.

OUR PEOPLE

PROFESSIONAL

John Mihaljevic

Principal Building Surveyor

Member and National Accreditation of Australian Institute of Building Surveyors

Cert. Eng. Surv.

B. App. Sc (Building)

John co-founded Certified Building Solutions in 1999 and has a broad range of experience in the building industry in Australia and overseas, bringing particular expertise in building management in the ACT. John has worked in project management for both commercial and residential developments, managed his own residential building company in Canberra and was the clerk of works for the Australian Embassy in Fiji. John has approximately 15 years building certification experience in both the public and private sectors.



OUR PEOPLE Cont.

Petri Laajoki

Environmental Health and Principal Building Surveyor

Member and National Accreditation of Australian Institute of Building Surveyors

B. App Sc (Environmental Health)

Petri joined Certified Building Solutions in 2002. He started working in the building industry over 20 years ago and has experience in building certification in both the public and private sector. Petri brings detailed knowledge of environmental health matters related to buildings such as the regulation of cooling towers and the construction of food premises. Petri also has detailed knowledge of food regulation, food safety audits and food safety in Australia.



Craig Sharwood

Principal Building Surveyor

Member and National Accreditation of Australian Institute of Building

Surveyors, A2 Accredited Certifier of NSW Building Professionals Board,

Registered Building Surveyor of Victorian Building Practitioners Board.

Grad. Dip. Building Surveying

Dip. Environmental Health and Building Surveying

Craig joined Certified Building Solutions in 2009. Commencing in the building industry almost 20 years ago as a carpenter and managing his own carpentry company, Craig began working as a certifier in 2001 with experience in both the public and private sector. Having worked predominantly in NSW and Victoria, Craig is able to bring a new perspective to certification, in particular knowledge of legislation, regulations and building practices in other jurisdictions.

Lindsay Garrick

Principal Building Surveyor

Member and National Accreditation of the Australian Institute of Building Surveying (AIBS)

Member of the Fire Protection Association of Australia (FPAA)

Member of Engineers Australia Society of Fire Safety

M. Bldg. Surveying (Distinction)

M.Eng. (Building Fire Safety & Risk Engineering – First Class Honours)

Grad. Dip. (Building Design for Bushfire Prone Areas)

City & Guilds (London) Institute Full Tech. (Electrical Engineering)

Lindsay joined Certified Building Solutions in 2012 after working in the Canberra building industry for over 27 years in the capacity of Project Engineer (Electrical and Fire), Fire Safety Engineer and Building Regulation, and Principal Building Surveyor. For a number of years Lindsay has also been the Department of Defence representative on Standards Australia committees relevant to Australian Standards for fire safety equipment, systems and maintenance. Lindsay brings to CBS extensive private and public sector building industry experience together with specialist Department of Defence, Fire Engineering, Fire Services, and Bushfire Safety expertise.



OUR PEOPLE Cont.



David Delchau

Principal Building Surveyor

*Member and National Accreditation of Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
B. Construction Management & Economics (Honours)(UniSA)*

David joined Certified Building Solutions in 2012. He worked as a cadet quantity surveyor, contract administrator and junior estimator in the construction industry while studying for his qualification. Since graduating David has worked with the Australian Building Codes Board and brings with him to CBS up to date knowledge of the issues impacting on the construction industry, particularly from a regulation/control perspective.

Philip Jacey

Principal Building Surveyor

*Member and National Accreditation of Australian Institute of Building Surveyors
B. Building Surveying (Honours)*

Dip. Surveying Practice

Philip joined Certified Building Solutions in 2012. He has worked in the construction industry since 2006, initially as a private sector building surveyor in London with key responsibility for party walls and rights of light, and assisted with expert witness reports for legal proceedings. Philip also has experience in construction management overseas and brings specific expertise in the area of environmental sustainability of buildings, with a focus on carbon management in the built environment.



OUR PEOPLE Cont.

ADMINISTRATION/TECHNICAL

Ted Milne:	Technical Support Advisor
Mary Jerga	Technical Support
Bernadette Mihaljevic:	Financial Controller/Administration
Thai Nguyen:	Office Administrator

RECENT PROJECTS

We have extensive experience in certification services for all classes of construction, demonstrating the scope and versatility of the services we can provide to the industry as follows:

Residential Buildings

- Apartments
- Individual homes
- Home extensions
- Pergolas, outdoor decking
- Pools
- Garages

Specialist Buildings

- Firing range
- Laboratories
- Security upgrades
- Detention centres
- Carparks

Educational Institutions

- Early childhood centres
- Primary schools
- High Schools
- Tertiary Institutions

Industrial and Office Buildings

- Warehouses
- Factories
- Office fitouts
- New office buildings

Recreation and Accommodation Facilities

- Sporting and Social Clubs
- Gymnasium and Pool
- Hotels/motels
- Structural art

Retail Centres

- Shopping centre developments
- Supermarket developments
- Fitouts of individual shops within the major shopping centres

Health and Aged Care Facilities

- Hospital refurbishments and extensions
- Residential aged care facilities