

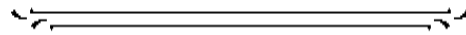
CERTIFIED BUILDING SOLUTIONS NEWSLETTER

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NEW PROCESS FOR LODGING BUILDING APPLICATION AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

The Department of Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) has recently issued a letter advising of a new system for lodging building application and development approvals. From 18 October 2010 all submissions will have to be lodged online using a new smartform. Processing fees will be automatically charged to the applicant at the time of online submission. Applicants without access to the internet will be able to lodge

submissions and complete payment by calling Canberra Connect on 132281. Submissions for Estate Development Plans, Design Acceptance, Operational and Final Acceptance will continue to be lodged as normal, with the associated fees. Should you require more information on this change of process by TAMS, have a look at their website at www.tams.act.gov.au/live/lodging_tams_dev_form.



NEW SYSTEM FOR UNIT TITLING

ACTPLA introduced a new system for Unit Titling, which took effect on 3 September 2010. Under the new system a Works Assessor prepares a Unit Title Assessment Report (UTAR) for the applicant to submit to ACTPLA with their application for unit titling. Certified Building Solutions (CBS) is a licensed Works Assessor for this purpose.

We have prepared a checklist of the items to be provided by the applicant for inclusion in the UTAR. A component of the new process is that the Works Assessor (ie. CBS) is required to undertake site and landscape inspections. For clients who are interested, a copy of the checklist is available from the front counter.



NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROVISIONS FOR ADDITIONS

ACTPLA has introduced new energy efficiency provisions for additions effective 20 October 2010.

Clients should be aware that there are concessions in place for additions when using the 2010 glazing calculator. It is now allowable to include window treatments when calculating the U-values of windows.

There is some uncertainty surrounding the requirements in relation to additions less than