



DEMOLITION CLASSES

It is an offence to do any of the work described as class 1, class 2 or class 3 demolition works unless you are licensed to perform the works.

“class 1” , in relation to demolition work, means demolition work of any of the following kinds-

- (a) work comprising the total demolition of a building or structure that is 10 metres or more in height when measured from the lowest ground level of the building or structure to the highest part of the building or structure;
- (b) work comprising the partial demolition of a building or structure that is 10 metres or more in height when measured from the lowest ground level of the building or structure to the highest part of the building or structure; and affecting the structural integrity of the building or structure;
- (c) work comprising the total or partial demolition of a building or structure; and involving the use of load shifting equipment on a suspended floor;
- (d) work comprising the total or partial demolition of pre-tensioned or post-tensioned structural components of a building or structure;
- (e) work comprising the total or partial demolition of a building or structure containing precast concrete elements erected by the tilt-up method of construction;
- (f) work involving the removal of key structural members of a building or structure so that the whole or a part of the building or structure collapses;
- (g) work done to a building or structure involving explosives;
- (h) work comprising the demolition or partial demolition of a building or structure that involves the use of a tower crane or any crane with a safe working load greater than 100 tonnes;
- (i) work involving the removal of an area of brittle or fragile roofing material in excess of 200m² from a building or structure if any part of the area to be removed is 10 metres or more above the lowest ground level of the building or structure;

“class 2” , in relation to demolition work, means demolition work comprising the total or partial demolition of a building or structure that is less than 10 metres in height when measured from the lowest ground level of the building or structure to the highest part of the building or structure but does not include -

the total or partial demolition of a single storey dwelling; or
work of a kind referred to in paragraphs (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h) of the definition of “class 1”;

“**class 3**”, in relation to demolition work, means work comprising the removal of –

more than 200m² of brittle or fragile roofing material from a building or a structure;

“licensed person”, in relation to class 1, class 2 or class 3 demolition work, means a person who has been issued with a licence that allows that person to do that class of demolition work.

“licence” means a licence issued under regulation 3.116(2), that is, a person who satisfies the WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner that he or she is able to do that class of demolition work in a safe and proper manner.

The WorkSafe Western Australia Commissioner must be notified at least 5 working days before any class 1, class 2 or class 3 demolition work is intended to begin.

A copy of the notification form must be kept at the demolition site whilst the work is being done. A copy of Australian Standard 2601 and a copy of the work plan required by the Regulations must also be kept at the site.

ASBESTOS

Restricted asbestos licence

- The new restricted asbestos removal licensing scheme will commence on 1 June 2010.
- From that date, people or businesses involved in removing more than 10 square metres of bonded (non-friable) asbestos in a workplace must be licensed by WorkSafe. WorkSafe will commence issuing licenses from 1 March 2010.
- The current Asbestos Removal Licence will become an Unrestricted Asbestos Removal Licence and the conditions of that licence will not change and it will be valid for three years instead of two.
- After 1 June 2010, everyone holding a current Demolition Licence will be deemed to hold a Restricted Asbestos Removal Licence which will allow demolition licence holders to remove more than 10 square metres of bonded asbestos. The deemed Restricted Asbestos Removal Licence will expire the date the demolition licence expires and an application will need to be made for a renewal of a Restricted Asbestos Removal Licence.
- If the licence holder is a business entity, the license holder must nominate at least one person who has the training and experience to properly supervise and manage non-friable asbestos work. This person does not necessarily have to hold a Restricted Asbestos Licence, but must have appropriate training and experience.
- If the licence holder is not on site, they must nominate at least one person who has the training and experience to properly supervise and manage non-friable asbestos work.
- The licence holder must ensure that a copy of the licence and the Codes of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos, 2nd edition [NOHSC:2002 (2005)] and Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces [NOHSC:2018 (2005)] are on site and can be produced upon request by WorkSafe. Also, a Safe Work Method Statement e.g. asbestos removal control plan is required as per regulation 3.143, and must also be produced.

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