



PROACTIVE COMPLIANCE INSPECTION PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT SITES

Who should I contact if I have issues with the building site?

The Certifying Authority for the site. The Certifying Authority may be Council or an engaged Private Certifying Authority (PCA). Contact information of the Certifying Authority including Principal Builder should be displayed on the site fence or in prominent location on the development site. If you are unable to locate this information, please contact Penrith Council on (02) 4732 7777.

What is the role of the Certifying Authority?

Certifying Authorities have numerous statutory obligations and functions, however the main function to building works include:

1. Carrying out inspections during 'critical stages' of building work to determine compliance with legislative requirements and ensure building works are undertaken in accordance with conditions of consent. This also includes ensuring construction works are undertaken within approved hours.
2. Taking action to address non-compliant work and, if needed, report it to the appropriate authority, such as the local council (this is a duty of all certifiers).
3. Ensuring the builder for a development has the required licence and insurance.

Who is responsible for works carried out on the site?

The engaged Principal Builder is responsible for the day to day building works and ensuring they are undertaken in accordance with consent and in an environmentally safe manner.

Owner builders are considered Principal Builders.

What are the approved hours of construction?

In general, building and development works may only be permitted on:

- Monday to Friday, between 7:00am – 6:00pm
- Saturday (hours may vary depending of the relevant approval. Please contact Penrith City Council on (02) 4732 7777 regarding this information or view the Notice of Determination on Councils DA tracker).

Sundays and Public Holidays - No construction works are permitted.

What are the penalties for non-compliance with consent?

On the spot penalties range from \$1500 - \$8000. Continued non-compliance may lead to Council issuing Orders or Court Prosecution.

For more information about the Proactive Compliance Inspection Program please contact 4732 7777.