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BCA 2006—information seminars

This circular is to advise councils, accreditation bodies, relevant government agencies and industry groups of upcoming seminars regarding BCA 2006, including information on the new energy efficiency provisions for commercial buildings.

Introduction

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) 2006 takes effect on 1 May 2006. Knowledge of the latest changes to the BCA, especially the new provisions for energy efficiency in commercial buildings, is essential for all practitioners involved in the design, construction and certification of buildings.

A series of one-day information seminars to familiarise you with the changes before they take effect are being held around Australia starting in late-February.

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB), in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) will be running seminars in each capital city. In addition, a series of seminars in regional NSW will be conducted by the AIBS with input from the Department. The timetable is as follows.

City seminars (Sydney)

Tue 28 February	Sydney Masonic Centre 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney
Wed 1 March	Sydney Masonic Centre 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Regional seminars (NSW)

Tue 7 March	Ballina RSL Club 246 River Street, Ballina
Thu 9 March	Westport Bowling Club Buller Street, Port Macquarie
Tue 14 March	Cascades Motor Inn 147 Cobra Street, Dubbo
Thu 16 March	The Lawson Motor Inn 117–121 Tarcutta Street, Wagga Wagga
Wed 22 March	Tamworth Flag Inn 236 Goonoo Goonoo Road, Tamworth
Wed 12 April	Worrigeer House Reception 209 Worrigeer Road, Worrigeer [Nowra]
Wed 19 April	The Glades Conference Centre 270 Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay [Newcastle]

These seminars will provide an overview of the changes to the BCA in the morning, followed by an afternoon workshop offering hands-on training on the application of the new energy efficiency provisions for commercial buildings, i.e. Classes 5 to 9.

Registrations

Details on how to register are provided in the attached brochures.

For Sydney seminars—register with ABCB.

For NSW regional seminars—register with AIBS.

Further information

The Department will issue a more detailed circular regarding BCA 2006 shortly to provide practitioners with more comprehensive information on the changes and their application in NSW.

If you have further enquires about the Sydney seminars, email ABCBSeminars@abc.gov.au or phone 02 6276 1854 or 02 6276 1817.

If you have further enquires about the NSW regional seminars, email nsw.admin@aibs.com.au or phone 02 9712 8822.

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