

# Do Yourself in About Cladding

The NSW Government move to address the risks arising from non-compliant cladding has progressed with the passing of new regulations, which take effect from **22 October 2018**.

## The new laws:

- Apply to a broad range of buildings, including new and existing buildings of two or more storeys of the following types:
  - Residential apartment buildings.
  - Other types of residential buildings where unrelated people sleep, e.g. hotels, boarding houses, backpackers, student accommodation.
  - Aged-care buildings; hospitals and day surgeries (and any associated single dwellings within the building).
  - Public assembly buildings. For example, theatres, cinemas, schools and churches (and any associated single dwellings within the building).
  
- Apply where the building has external cladding made of the following materials:
  - Metal composite panels, including products that consist of aluminium, zinc, or copper outer layers and a core material; or
  - Insulated cladding systems including systems comprised of polystyrene, polyurethane, and polyisocyanurate.
  
- Require owners of applicable buildings to register their building with the NSW Government through an online portal. The deadline for registration is:
  - existing buildings - **22 February 2019**.
  - new buildings - within four months of first occupation.
  
- Do not require the “combustible cladding statement” proposed in the initial draft copies of the new laws.

Given the significant penalties imposed, as well as the potentially serious risks arising from non-compliant cladding, it would be prudent for owners corporations, on an urgent basis:

- to comply with the registrations' requirements.
- to obtain advice from expert consultants as to appropriate remedial measures.

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