

PART A3 CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

A3.1 Principles of classification

The classification of a building or part of a building is determined by the purpose for which it is designed, constructed or adapted to be used.

A3.2 Classifications

Buildings are classified as follows: **Class 1:** one or more buildings which in association constitute—

(a) **Class 1a** — a single dwelling being—

(i) a detached house; or

(ii) one of a group of two or more attached dwellings, each being a building, separated by a *fire-resisting* wall, including a row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit; or

(b) **Class 1b** —

(i) a boarding house, guest house, hostel or the like—

(A) with a total area of all floors not exceeding 300 m² measured over the enclosing walls of the Class 1b; and

(B) in which not more than 12 persons would ordinarily be resident; or

(ii) 4 or more single dwellings located on one allotment and used for short-term holiday accommodation,

which are not located above or below another dwelling or another Class of building other than a *private garage*.

Class 2: a building containing 2 or more *sole-occupancy units* each being a separate dwelling.

Class 3: a residential building, other than a building of Class 1 or 2, which is a common place of long term or transient living for a number of unrelated persons, including—

(a) a boarding house, guest house, hostel, lodging house or backpackers accommodation; or

(b) a residential part of a hotel or motel; or

(c) a residential part of a *school*; or

(d) accommodation for the aged, children or people with disabilities; or

(e) a residential part of a *health-care building* which accommodates members of staff; or

(f) a residential part of a *detention centre*.

Class 4: a dwelling in a building that is Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 if it is the only dwelling in the building.

Class 5: an office building used for professional or commercial purposes, excluding buildings of Class 6, 7, 8 or 9.

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Class 6: a shop or other building for the sale of goods by retail or the supply of services direct to the public, including—

(a) an eating room, café, restaurant, milk or soft-drink bar; or

(b) a dining room, bar area that is not an *assembly building*, shop or kiosk part of a hotel or motel; or

(c) a hairdresser's or barber's shop, public laundry, or undertaker's establishment; or

(d) market or sale room, showroom, or *service station*. **Class 7:**

a building which is—

(a) **Class 7a** — a *carpark*; or

(b) **Class 7b** — for storage or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale.

Class 8: a laboratory, or a building in which a handicraft or process for the production, assembling, altering, repairing, packing, finishing, or cleaning of goods or produce is carried on for trade, sale, or gain.

Class 9: a building of a public nature—

(a) **Class 9a** —a *health-care building*, including those parts of the building set aside as a laboratory; or

(b) **Class 9b** — an *assembly building*, including a trade workshop, laboratory or the like in a primary or secondary *school*, but excluding any other parts of the building that are of another Class; or

(c) **Class 9c** — an *aged care building*. **Class**

10: a non-habitable building or structure—

(a) **Class 10a** — a non-habitable building being a *private garage*, carport, shed, or the like; or

(b) **Class 10b** — a structure being a fence, mast, antenna, retaining or free-standing wall, *swimming pool*, or the like; or

(c) **Class 10c** —a *private bushfire shelter*.

A3.3 Multiple classification

Each part of a building must be classified separately, and—

(a)

(i) where parts have different purposes — if not more than 10% of the *floor area* of a *storey*, being the minor use, is used for a purpose which is a different classification, the classification applying to the major use may apply to the whole *storey*; and

(ii) the provisions of **(i)** do not apply when the minor use is a laboratory or Class 2, 3 or 4 part; and

(b) a plant room, machinery room, lift motor room, boiler room or the like must have the same classification as the part of the building in which it is situated; and

(c) if a building has parts of different classification, each part must comply with all the relevant provisions for its classification.

A3.4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

A3.4 Parts with more than one classification

(a) Notwithstanding **A3.3**, a building or part of a building may have more than one classification applying to the whole building or to the whole of that part of the building.

(b) If a building or part of a building has more than one classification applying to the whole building or part in accordance with **(a)**, that building, or part must comply with all the relevant provisions of the BCA for each classification.