# Building Contractor Registrations

The Northern Territory Government is prioritising reforms to ensure confidence in the local building industry. The introduction of commercial builder registration is a priority reform.

The development of the commercial builder registration model, grandfathering initiative and implementation has been the result of consultation with industry stakeholders and the feedback received from practitioners.

On 15 April 2024, commercial builder registration legislative amendments will come into effect. To streamline the introduction of building contractor commercial the legislation has been split over two stages. On 15 April 2024, Stage 1 commences:

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| Stage 1 (12 months) | Stage 2 (ongoing) |
| * twelve month transition period
* practitioners obtain a commercial registration utilising the grandfathering initiative
* grandfathering initiative allows builders to be registered based on their experience without needing to meet qualification requirements.
* new commercial building permits do not require a registered builder
 | * new commercial building permits will require a registered commercial builder
* practitioners will need to meet all the registration requirements, including a qualification to obtain a commercial registration.
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For further information on grandfathering refer to the [Grandfathering Fact Sheet](https://dipl.nt.gov.au?a=1367035). The qualifications and experience requirements for registration, described in Attachment A are set out by Ministerial Determination which can be found at <https://bpb.nt.gov.au>. You may also refer to the [Outline of model PDF (587.5 KB)](https://dipl.nt.gov.au/?a=1367034) for the two new sub-categories of commercial building contractors.

These changes will impact people undertaking building work on Class 1b and Class 3 – 9 buildings. Commercial registrations excludes renovations and fit-outs from requiring a registered commercial builder where there is no increase in floor area or height, no structural elements are altered and there is no change in the building classification under the National Construction Code.

Practitioners registered as both residential and commercial building contractors will only be required to pay one single registration fee.

For more information go to <https://bpb.nt.gov.au>, call 1800 193 111 or email bas.policy@nt.gov.au.