

INFORMATION BULLETIN

STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR SMALL BUILDING WORKS - 2008 EDITION
NEW RISE AND FALL CLAUSE FOR PERIOD CONTRACTS

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STANDARD SPECIFICATION BUILDINGS - 2008 EDITION

Copies of the 2008 edition of the Standard Specification for Small Building Works have now been distributed to all Construction Division offices and the TDMS has been updated to incorporate the 2008 Project Specific Requirements section. Please ensure that copies of the 2007 edition are destroyed except for copies retained for reference with existing projects. When using this reference specification on projects ensure that the Contractor has a copy and is familiar with its requirements. Also it is advisable to carry out some auditing on site to ensure that the specified standards of workmanship and materials are actually being achieved. This year marks the 10 anniversary of this very useful DPI publication.

STANDARD SPECIFICATION FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

This standard reference specification, similar to the one for buildings, has now been completed and is ready to introduce into the Construction Division to streamline the documentation of road maintenance projects. Lawrie Foscaro, the Manager Technical Specifications, has spent some considerable time to finalise the development of this very comprehensive document and it will be available electronically to preview on the Specification Services intranet site within the next few days at the following address <http://uluru.nt.gov.au/dpi/divisions/construction/techspecs/index.html>

APAS LIST OF APPROVED PRODUCTS 2008

The 2008 edition of the APAS List of Approved Products is now available on the Specification Services intranet site. This comprehensive document provides a full list of the paints and coatings from the manufacturers which have been tested to comply with APAS specifications. DPI technical specifications quote APAS specification numbers in the painting and other specification sections of project specifications to ensure that the high standards required for paint in our severe climatic conditions are met.

RISE AND FALL FOR PERIOD CONTRACTS

A new Rise and Fall clause for Period Contracts has been developed in response to the volatility of the market for materials and in particular fuel and bitumen prices in recent times. The new clause benchmarks Rise and Fall payments against the Australian Bureau of Statistics figures which are published quarterly. The clause is now being used in civil period contracts (being inserted manually) and is in the process of being programmed into the TDMS for use on all period contracts, including buildings. Selecting the particular contract type will automatically insert the relevant weightings for the components of that contract and these will be displayed in the Annexure. Project Officers should note that as this clause is an "approved non-standard Condition of Contract" each RFT containing this new Rise and Fall clause must be forwarded to the DCIS Procurement Policy Unit for individual approval.

NEW CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

The new Conditions of Contract, developed by DPI in conjunction with Clayton Utz Lawyers have been completed and are now being programmed into the new TDMS II, which is being developed by the Department's I.T. providers, SRA. This work has taken considerably longer than expected, however, tests on the new system are now being conducted and final adjustments are being made before it is released for use by DPI. The Procurement Unit is planning to carry out basic information sessions on the new Conditions of Contract and the new TDMS II for all Construction Division Staff towards the end of June and the documents will be available on the Procurement intranet site for information.

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