

Owner Builders Approved Qualifications – ‘what you will learn in your approved course’

If you wish to apply for an Owner Builder permit for building work valued over \$12,000, you will need to meet approved education and training requirements. For many applicants, this will mean completing an approved Owner Builder course. However, some applicants may already possess the required qualifications for an Owner Builder permit.

This page lists the qualifications and experience that are the equivalent of an approved Owner Builder course. It also outlines the process you should follow to have your qualifications assessed for the purpose of obtaining an Owner Builder permit.

Approved qualifications

If you hold approved qualifications, it is taken that you can demonstrate knowledge and/or experience of current laws and processes relating to:

- Development planning and residential building
- Contract availability, contents and management
- Work scheduling
- Statutory and recommended insurances
- Occupational health and safety
- Types of trades and other building experts needed
- Budgeting, finances and taxes/GST
- Environmental concerns
- Building materials
- Dispute resolution

The qualifications below are approved for the purpose of meeting the educational requirements for an Owner Builder permit:

- Currently hold or have ever held any of the approved qualifications for a general building work licence or qualified supervisor certificate
- Currently hold or have ever held a NSW general building work contractor licence that is not limited in the scope of work.
- Currently hold or have ever held a NSW trade category of building licence or certificate (for proposed work in that trade only)
- Currently hold or have ever held a NSW qualified supervisor certificate in the category of general building work that is not limited in the scope of work.
- Accreditation as an accredited building certifier
- Employment as a council building inspector/surveyor/consultant.

How do I get my qualifications assessed?

If you are qualified as any of the above, you should provide all relevant documentation with your permit application and fee to your nearest Fair Trading Centre.

Approved Owner Builder course: [Australian Owner Builders Link to Owner Builder course](#)

Source:

[New South Wales Government](#)

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