

Internal Alterations – Residential Buildings

An internal alteration is the alteration of any wall, floor or ceiling within a building by removing, adding or altering its size, shape or location.

Is a Building Permit required to carry out internal alterations to a building?

Yes. A Building Permit approval is required for all internal structural alterations.

If the works being undertaken do not affect existing structural elements or walls designed for internal pressure and the works are to be undertaken in accordance with the applicable building standards as required in the NCC, then no building permit is required. For example the re-fit of an existing bathroom would not require a building permit provided that the waterproofing, plumbing work and the like is undertaken in accordance with the building standards referenced in the NCC.

Who submits the application?

Either the property owner or the builder must submit the application.

What plans and specifications do I need to submit with my application for a Building Permit?

The level of information required will be dependent upon the scope and extent of the alterations. The following plans and details will be required as a minimum:

- Floor plan, elevations and cross section of the dwelling are to be submitted to a scale of not less than 1:100.
- Engineering drawings as certified by a Structural Engineer. The engineering drawings must include details of the design criteria to which the building has been designed, i.e. Wind region, importance level, terrain category.

For extensive alteration projects refer to the document checklist attached to the New Dwelling & Additions and Alterations information sheet.

Additional Information

For detailed advice about internal alterations, please call the City of Karratha Building Services on 9186 8555.

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