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DESIGN AND BUILDING PRACTITIONERS ACT 2020 &
DESIGN AND BUILDING PRACTITIONERS REGULATIONS 2021

To Whom it may Concern,

This correspondence is provided to clarify the role and responsibilities of Access Consultants in relation to the Design and Building Practitioners Act 2020 and the Design and Building Practitioners Regulation 2021 that came into effect on 1 July 2021.

The Access Consultants Association (ACA) have received the following advice from The Office of the NSW Building Commissioner:

- access consultants are **not required to be registered** under the provisions of the Act and Regulation.
- access consultants **do not prepare certificates** under the provisions of the Act or Regulation.
- access consultants who form part of project teams undertaking projects regulated by the Act and Regulation **must not** assume the role or responsibility of the registered design practitioner or the registered principal design practitioner. This specifically relates to the issuing of certificates required to be issued by registered design practitioners and registered principal design practitioners under the provisions of the Act and Regulation.
- access consultants will be required to prepare Access Reports and Access Design Statements at various stages of the project in accordance with their conditions of engagement. **These documents are not a requirement of the Act or Regulation** but may be relied upon by the registered design practitioner or registered principal design practitioner.

Further details can be found at

<https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2020-007>

Yours sincerely,



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