



Extension of Ministerial Order regarding owner signatures

This alert deals with the extension for twelve months of a Ministerial Order made under section 67(2A) of the *Building Act 2011* (the Act) regarding the requirement for owners' signatures on building permit applications.

On 20 December 2012 the Building (s. 67) Exemption Order (No. 2) 2012 (the Ministerial Order), came into effect. The Ministerial Order applies to any building permit application in respect of a Class 1 or Class 10 building or incidental structure made between 19 December 2012 and 31 December 2013. Under this Ministerial Order, the owner is not required to sign the building permit application form (the owner must, however, still be named on the application).

The Minister for Commerce has approved an extension of the Ministerial Order until 31 December 2014.

Although the extension of the Ministerial Order may not be published in the Government Gazette until after 31 December 2013, it will nevertheless apply to any such applications made from 31 December 2013 until 31 December 2014.

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