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Building and renovating essentials

Carrying out building work can be an exciting and satisfying process. However, if you are doing any building or renovating work on your home, it is important to be informed about the building process.

There are laws and regulations you need to be aware of if you are doing domestic building work, for example those covered by the *Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995*, *Building Act 1993* and the *Building Regulations 2018*.

For instance, if your project will cost over \$10,000 (including parts and labour) and involves more than one type of work (e.g. not just plastering), you need to use a registered building practitioner for the work and you will need to enter into a major domestic building [contract](#). If the contract price is over \$16,000, your builder will need to provide domestic building [insurance](#) in most cases.

Explore this section of the website to find out all the essential information about the building and renovating process, such as:

- the building industry professionals you'll need to engage, e.g. appoint a [builder](#) and [building surveyor](#) or [plumber](#)
- what you may need to do before your building work begins, e.g. get a [planning and building permit](#)
- what might need to happen at the [end of your building project](#), e.g. updating the VBA on your cost of works.