

Extending building and plumbing permit expiry dates

COVID-19 Disease Emergency (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020

The Tasmanian Government has extended expiry dates for a further six months on a number of permits granted under the *Building Act 2016*.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, building work has been disrupted or delayed and many local council offices closed. Some home owners have been unable to finish work or have it certified before their permits expire. Normally this would need an application to renew or extend the permit.

Types of permits extended

- Building permits
- Plumbing (including special plumbing) permits
- Demolition permits
- Permits of substantial compliance.

NOTE: the extensions do not apply to expired permits

How long is the extension?

Permits will continue to apply for a further six months. This is regardless of the existing expiry date.

How does the extension work?

For example, a building permit is due to expire on 1 August 2020, however the owner cannot get work and inspections finished on time. The owner, builder and building surveyor now have until the end of January 2021 to get all work done and signed off as complete before the permit expires.

Does the extension apply to my old building permit (issued pre-2012)?

Yes. The extension includes old building permits for incomplete work which were issued pre 2012. A number of these were all due to expire on 30 June 2020. Owners now have extra time to legally finish the work by getting a Certificate of Completion.

Does this extension apply to permits which have already expired?

No. This extension does not help owners whose permits have expired. Contact your council permit authority for advice.

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