

# WET AREAS

On the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2004 the new BCA 2004 introduced new requirements for **WET AREAS**

The BCA now references the revised Australian Standard — A.S. 3740-2004 — Waterproofing of Wet Areas within Residential Buildings.

We recommend that you enquire as to whether your Waterproofing Contractor is aware of the many amendments to the Standard to ensure that your building complies with all regulations.

Some of these amendments include: -Areas that are to be Water Proof / Water Resistant, the Installation of Flashings, Hob Construction, etc.

Some of the Major Implications of this new legislation are: -

1. The Wall / Floor Junction of the entire room are to be waterproofed for all floor construction methods.
2. The entire floor of a wet area, if built using timber floors (including particle board flooring), is to be waterproofed including the Wall / Floor Junction.
3. The flashing for the Wall / Floor junction is to continue through the doorway opening.

Please be aware that ALL waterproofing must be installed by a BSA licensed applicator and a certificate of installation signed by the licensed applicator will be required to obtain Final Building Approval.

Please find attached a link to the BSA's information brochure on waterproofing simply cut and paste into the address bar of your explorer browser.

<http://www.bsa.qld.gov.au/Home/BuildersContractors/TechInfo/Waterproofing.htm>