

## Legislative changes from the 1st of July 2019

# Introducing the Building Activity Management System (BAMS)

Dear Client,

Commencing on the 1st of July 2019, there will be changes to the way in which the building permit levy is being collected by the Victorian Building Authority (VBA), with Building Surveyors/Certifiers required to obtain a building permit number (BPN) from the VBA prior to issuing a building permit.

### Building Activity Management System (BAMS)

To assist with the new process, the VBA are launching a new online system called the Building Activity Management System (BAMS).

The VBA will only issue a Building Permit Number (BPN) when all of the mandatory fields have been completed as part of the BPN application, and the building permit levy has been paid.

### Applying for a Building Permit Number from the VBA

The relevant building surveyor / certifier will apply to the VBA for a building permit number (BPN). Applications for a BPN are required to be submitted per stage building permit.

Each stage will require a new BPN, which means that payment will be required for each stage instead of upfront for the whole project.

Further detailed information on the new process can be found on the [VBA web site](#) or by downloading the below PDF fact sheets:

- ▶ [Application for a Building Permit Number Fact Sheet](#)
- ▶ [Building Activity Management System Overview](#)

### Levy Payment

Once the BPN application has been submitted to the VBA, the nominated levy payer (either the owner or agent of the owner) will receive a link via BAMS to pay either by credit card or BPAY.

### Receive Building Permit Number from VBA

Once the levy payment has been received by the VBA a BPN will be issued, the VBA can take up to 5 days to issue this. The BPN will be sent to both the building surveyor / certifier and the levy payer. Receiving the BPN does not mean the building permit is issued.

### Issuing a Building Permit

All building permits that are issued from the 1st of July must adhere to the new BAMS process. Building surveyors / certifiers will still need to be provided with all required information (as per current process) to enable the issuance of the Building Permit.

## The New BAMS Process

