

Building and plumbing record search

A building and plumbing record search provides applicants information on existing building and plumbing approvals over a property.

The search includes council's reference number, a description of the works, date of approval and whether a final inspection was carried out. Upon lodgement, the outcomes of the search will be provided within 10 working days.

Where the building/structure was constructed before April 1, 1976, council may not hold records of these. Plumbing works undertaken before 2002 may also not be recorded. In some instances, plumbing works were included within the original building approval and, where so, this will be noted.

Due to the age of some approvals, council's records may be inconclusive, or landowners may hold information unknown to council.

What do I do if an approval has no Final Inspection?

Where the building approval was issued by a private building certifier, council is unable to assist and either the original or a new private certifier will need to be engaged.



Where the building approval was issued by council, a request for a building/plumbing inspection can be lodged. It is important to note that the process for obtaining a Final Inspection Certificate may take time to achieve. Building works may need to be undertaken after an initial inspection is carried out by council with a re-inspection required.

For plumbing approvals, a request for a building/plumbing inspection can be lodged. It is important to note that the process for obtaining a Final Inspection Certificate may take time to achieve. Plumbing works may need to be undertaken after an initial inspection is carried out by council with a re-inspection required.

Recommendations for owners

Searches are more often than not carried out as part of a property sale. To avoid any disruptions, it is recommended that property owners carry out a search before a property is listed and carry out any works required to obtain a Final Inspection Certificate where this is required. Where a search is not undertaken prior to a property being listed, the landowner may find that approvals are without final inspections, which may either delay a contract or result in it being terminated by a buyer.

For more information phone council on 1300 MACKAY (1300 622 529) or visit the website mackay.qld.gov.au