



2nd August 2021

To All members

Re: Registered Design Practitioner - Vertical Transport (DPVT) NSW

I have received a response from *Mr Angus Abadee Director, Building and Construction Policy, Policy & Strategy, Better Regulation Division, Department of Customer Service* in relation to the Department of Fair-Trading registering persons who have applied for the *Registered Design Practitioner – Vertical Transport (DPVT)* without completing the Assessment process with Engineers Australia.

The Design and Building Practitioners Regulation 2021 [NSW] Schedule 2 Qualifications, experience, knowledge and skills, states “**successful completion of a competency assessment**” this assessment is currently being undertaken by Engineers Australia and the following link provides information relating to the Assessment process for registration as a “Design Practitioner Vertical Transport”:

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/engineering-registers/statutory-registration/NSW-registration>

Engineers Australia current assessment process is under review by the AEA as we believe it is outside the scope of the Regulations and is so onerous that it would be almost impossible for persons to fully comply, to this end we are arranging a meeting with Engineers Australia to discuss the documentation. The assessment document can be downloaded from this link.

https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sites/default/files/2021-07/DBPVT_Compentency_and_Matrix.pdf

Please be advised as stated in the response that if you have been provided with a registration number from the Department of Fair Trading as a DPVT that your **registration may have been suspended** and you **MUST NOT** make any declarations while your registration is suspended.

Regards

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Subject: RE: Registrations a DPVT

Hi Noel,

I can confirm that those people's registration has been suspended.

As you can imagine, we have had a few thousand applicants lodge applications under deemed registration. The purpose of deemed registration was to ensure that people who met the eligibility requirements were able to continue working while we assessed their applications. Underpinning this was an expectation that the vast majority of applicants would provide the necessary evidence that would mean they are eligible. We have relied on people self-declaring as we have been clear that the consequences for providing false and misleading information through the application process will be severe.

I have been incredibly disappointed that the application process for vertical transportation practitioners has not been as effective as other designers. We in built a number of alternate pathways to accommodate the expertise of the VT industry – concessions that were not made for any other practitioner. VT is the only field where a person can register with a Certificate III because of the commitments you and the AEA made to me about the competency of your industry to do the work. We agreed that the competency assessment would offset this and ensure that people who were competent were not disadvantaged by the qualification they may have earned 20, 30 or 40 years earlier.

Engineers Australia is running the competency assessment for VT. The link has been on our website and theirs for 2 months and I understand only one person has registered. We are developing comms to send out to VT practitioners to ensure we are all on the same page – **you need to do the competency assessment** before you lodge an application.

These 30 odd practitioners have been given a fair response. Rather than cancelling their registration (which would have barred them from being registered under deemed registration) **we have suspended their registration** and given them time to complete the assessment. We would really appreciate your support in getting the message out, **including that these practitioners MUST NOT** make any declarations while their registration is suspended.

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