

Construction Process



Where to go	What you'll find	Building structure	Heating, cooling & appliances	Lighting, electrical & plumbing
Speed date an expert at Build Expo at the Modern Home Feature	Free 10 min appointments with experts in all areas. Book a time asap	✓	✓	✓
Your Home www.yourhome.gov.au	Structural considerations, efficient heating, cooling, lighting, hot water and appliances. Online resource, hardcopy book also available.	✓	✓	✓
Sustainability Victoria www.sustainability.vic.gov.au	Under Services & Advice, Households –information on smarter renovating, insulation, appliances, lighting, heating/cooling . Also a Tool Box of 'How To...' guides covering insulation, draft proofing and other topics.	✓	✓	✓
Alternative Technology Association www.ata.org.au	Useful information on building and renovating, Tankulator calculator for calculating rain water tank sizes, Sunulator for calculating solar feasibility and regular 'Speed date an expert' events for free advice and guidance.	✓	✓	✓
Energy Safe Victoria www.esc.vic.gov.au	Safety information on gas and electrical products, choosing a tradesperson and information on flues and ventilation safety.	✓	✓	✓
Water Rating website www.waterrating.gov.au	Information on appliance water ratings, standard water appliance usage and what to look for in tap ware and water using devices. Find out about any available rebates from your local water distributor.	✓	✓	✓
Living Greener www.livinggreener.gov.au	Information on efficient heating, cooling, lighting, hot water and other appliances.	✓	✓	✓
Green Moves Aust www.greenmoves.com.au	Product independent articles, tip sheets and checklists on information ranging from renewable energy, insulation to heating, cooling and lighting.	✓	✓	✓
Eco Specifier and GECA www.ecospecifier.com.au and www.geca.org.au	Listings of building products that are considered environmentally credible. All products have been independently reviewed; note that certification processes differ between the companies and products.	✓	✓	✓
GreenD www.greend.com.au	Articles on building, carpentry, interiors and a list of businesses and trades. Social network for questions/answers and information	✓	✓	✓
Home Design Directory www.homedesigndirectory.com.au	Many articles on building, a kitchen cost calculator, information on heating and cooling etc.	✓	✓	✓

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Sustainable House Day www.sustainablehouseday.com	Annual open house day where people open their homes for visitors to show and discuss what they have done, how, why and the benefits. Speak with those who have renovated/built efficient homes and ask questions.	✓	✓	✓
Victorian Building Authority www.vba.vic.gov.au	Useful information on inspections required, compliance certificates, plumbing, regulations and the NCC, building disputes and complaints info	✓		✓
Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) www.abcb.gov.au	Useful free handbooks including Construction of buildings in flood prone/hazard areas, Using on-site renewables and reclaimed energy sources, Energy efficient provisions for Electricians and Plumbers, Durability in buildings, and Condensation in Buildings. Search for ABCB Handbooks - There is also a useful lighting calculator online.	✓ ✓		✓
Wood Solutions www.woodsolutions.com.au	Information on wood materials for building, good wood selections, applications and available products.	✓		
Your Local Library	Hardcopy of the NCC for reference, Choice magazine articles and other building related books for ideas	✓		✓
Australian Windows Association www.awa.org.au	Climate zone based window guides, how to select windows, check window efficiency and an efficient glazing calculator.	✓		
Efficient Glazing www.efficientglazing.net	Online tool to understand and calculate the performance of windows and compare options.	✓		
Aust. Institute of Refrigeration, Air-conditioning and Heating (AIRAH) www.airah.org.au	Under Resources/best practice are some good guides for residential evaporative cooling and air conditioning.		✓	
Energy Rating website www.energyrating.gov.au	Compare different models of household appliances that are energy rated to find the most efficient model. Includes the voluntary pool pump ratings.		✓	
Choice www.choice.com.au	Good independent reviews of household products.		✓	✓
Clean Energy Council www.solaraccreditation.com	Useful consumer guide to buying household solar panels and list of accredited installers.			✓
Australian Solar Council www.solar.org.au	Information on the Positive Quality Assurance program			✓