

## CHECKLIST FOR COMPARING BUILDING COMPANIES

With so many choices when it comes to choosing a building contractor in South Australia, deciding on the builder best-suited to your needs can be difficult.

We have compiled a list of questions to keep in mind when deciding on a building contractor or tradesman.

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<p><b>Is the building contractor legitimately listed and established?</b> A dedicated building contractor will have basic identifiers like a website or listing in the phonebook.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor have a valid Australian Business Number (ABN) and are they registered for GST?</b> Confirm that the building contractor's ABN is valid and its GST registered. Visit <a href="http://abr.business.gov.au">abr.business.gov.au</a> to check.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Is the building contractor a member of professional associations, such as Master Builders Association or the Housing Industry Association?</b> Ensure the building contractor's works adhere to Australian Standards and Codes of Ethics.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor hold a Building Works Contractor license specified to complete the work you require?</b> A builder's license specified to residential building work is important evidence that a business has the skills to complete the work it proposes to do.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor hold a current Construction Induction White Card?</b> Request to view the contractor's licenses</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor have adequate Public Liability Insurance, Indemnity Insurance and WorkCover?</b> For peace of mind, request to view the building contractor's insurance credentials.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor provide a detailed written quotation including a description of the work to be done, materials that will be installed, and terms of payment? Will the contract be a fixed price?</b> Detailed written quotations are crucial safeguard for both the client and the building contractor, as is a fixed-price contract.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor use only materials that are fully backed by warranty and are they certified by the manufacturers whose products they are utilising? Does the building contractor provide you with its workmanship warranty in writing?</b> A reputable building company will be certified or an approved contractor by the manufacturer's products they are installing. Leading manufacturers will only provide a product warranty on new materials if they are installed by a licensed building contractor.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Does the building contractor provide a Safe Work Method Statements and Job Safety Analysis to comply with SafeWork SA requirements?</b></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Can the building contractor provide you with testimonials and images of work they have previously completed for previous projects?</b> A reputable building contractor should provide you with testimonials and images of work they have completed.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>