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## IMPORTANT ADVICE - Roll out of VBA Company Registration Numbers

With only two weeks to go until company registration comes into force on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, Members are advised to note the following points which may affect the issue of domestic building contracts.

- The VBA this week started sending emails to Registered Builders who have been automatically registered or opted in to be registered under their Company. The purpose of this email is to allow companies to prepare for the 1 July changes pending receipt of their certificate of registration in early July.
- There is a new naming procedure for company registration which will be CDB-L 99999.
- If you do not receive an email from the VBA with your registration number, it is recommended that before you call the VBA you check the VBA building practitioner website first to see if the company registration number is available there. It should be noted that if you do not have your company registration, the company will not be able to sign contracts from July 1<sup>st</sup> or advertise (see below) until the VBA provides you with the registration number.
- If you elected to apply manually for Company registration, there could be a delay in obtaining your new CDB-L number. You will NOT be able to sign Domestic Building Contracts after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 until you have this number.
- The Domestic Building Contracts Act 1995 (“the Act”) will be amended from 1 July 2018 to require that if a company signs a major domestic building contract it must state the ACN (Australian Company Number) in the contract. There is provision on page 6 of the Landscaping Victoria Standard Contracts to write both your ACN and ABN. LV recommends that from 1 July 2018 all members trading as a company (including when using a trust) state both the ABN and ACN in their building contracts.

**To assist us in updating our records, as soon as you receive an email from the VBA notifying you of your CDB-L number, please forward that email to [admin@landscapingvictoria.com.au](mailto:admin@landscapingvictoria.com.au)**

### ADVERTISING

The Building Act 1993 now requires that a registered building practitioner who publishes an advertisement or written statement offering to carry out domestic building work (such as a quote) must ensure that the advertisement or statement states the name and registration number of the practitioner. From 1 July 2018 this requirement has been updated to reflect company registration.

For example, if you trade as Joe Blogs Landscaper Pty Ltd and the company has the registration number CDB-L 99999 then this information must be included in the advertisement or statement. This would include websites, brochures, newspaper advertisements and possibly even radio and television advertisements. LV recommends that with the introduction of company registration Members take the opportunity to review their websites, quotes and other advertisements to make sure that the correct name of their business and the correct registration number are stated.

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