



LANDS surveying alert

Survey Audit Modernisation

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The new survey auditing process has commenced today. Details about the process can be found in Surveying Alerts 56 and 57.

To maintain cadastral integrity and the quality of property boundary surveys, the Department of Resources sets standards, conducts audits, and supports the Surveyors Board of Queensland (SBQ). Audits will now include field inspections and cover all surveys including Identification surveys. Findings are reported monthly to the SBQ. Titles Queensland (TQ) examines plans prior to registration but only for a prescribed number of items that satisfy TQ business requirements, while the Resources audits focus mostly on registered plans and Idents. Ensuring cadastral integrity and quality of survey work is the responsibility of all surveyors in Queensland.

The accreditation of surveyors has been discontinued. There is no longer a requirement to submit the Form 10 when lodging a survey plan for registration in TQ. Endorsing survey plans at item 5 on sheet 2 is no longer required, but is permissible. All surveyors can now submit copies of plans to the department prepared on Form 21 as deposited plans (DPs). This will not change for surveyors who were previously accredited. Submitted plans that are not proceeding to lodgement with TQ are to be noted in our systems as 'No further action'. If specifically requested, a plan may be deposited as a redundant catalogue (RC) plan, although this option is not preferred.

In conjunction with the new process, an updated version of the [Cadastral Survey Requirements](#) (CSR) has been released and is effective from 3 July 2023.

The process for selection of surveys for audit allows the department to focus on aspects important to the quality of surveys and includes a random component. The department in consultation with the SBQ, will determine the specific aspects of focus for survey audits periodically. For the remainder of the 2023 calendar year the selected aspects are:

- Past performance;
- Identification surveys; and
- Surveyors who operate from locations outside Queensland.

Surveys submitted prior to 3 July 2023 but not yet passed by the department, will be eligible for selection under the new process along with identification surveys submitted since 1 May 2023.

If you have any queries or comments about the new process, please email surveying@resources.qld.gov.au.