



# PLASTERtech News

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## Australian / New Zealand Standards 2589:2007—you should know

### Plasterers Responsibilities

The removal of this clause was the direct result of a Queensland initiative—

Plasterers you have a voice

#### A.S 2589

Currently the Australia Standards specify that if the plasterer installs plasterboard and the amount

of deviation in the frame is outside \$ 25 to notify the builder prior

to installing the plasterboard. Plasterers have accepted responsibility for the resulting deviation.

I know of no other standard that takes responsibility for another's workmanship.

Shortly the Australia Standards will come up for review; your support is needed as part of our campaign to have this changed.

Please tick the appropriate box.

### URGENT RESPONSE REQUIRED

By signing and returning this form, you agree to supporting the change to the Aus/NZ standard 2589.1:1997 negating the plasterers responsibility for other trades workmanship.

**Out!!!**

Thanks for  
your  
support

You should also be aware that although the petition was successful.

### Plasterers

Removal of the responsibility clause from the Australian Standards should not be interpreted as a licence to fix plasterboard over misaligned framing. Frame inspections for those who care should still be carried out.

### Builders

However it will be expected that if the job is called up as ready for plasterboard by the builder Timber Framing Must Be Complete.

This means noggings must be placed at the change of direction and at perimeter of rooms (Board Ends)

Framing specification for plasterboard forms part of the Australian Standards and is documented in Builder Services Authority fact sheets and building industry information "Builders Know"??

Plasterers are not meant to take responsibility for other trades short comings. *Painters don't*

Why should plasterers be treated any different from other trades? It is most unlikely that if a plasterer fails to complete any part of his job that anyone else is likely to do it for him.



# Australian /New Zealand Standards 2589:2007

## *Are you aware*

Significant changes to the Australia/New Zealand plastering standards 2589 have been made which can have an impact on your business. Some of the more significant points introduced into the standards are.....

### **Fixing**

Screws used for fixing gypsum linings to timber ceiling substrates (hardwood and softwood) shall have a minimum length of 30mm

### **Jointing**

Where self-adhesive fibreglass joint reinforcing tapes are used, the joint shall be back-blocked.

### **Painting (Sealers)**

Installed gypsum plasterboard linings shall have a coat of water-borne wallboard sealer except where the lining surface has yellowed due to exposure to sunlight where a coat of solvent-borne sealer (as specified in AS 3730.22) prior to any further treatment.

### **Back-blocking**

- Butt joints in ceilings must fall centrally between framing members and be back-blocked.
- In any area containing three or more recess joints on Level 4 ceiling shall be backed-blocked in accordance with Clause 4.4.4.2.6.
- Level 5 - all ceilings shall be back-blocked regardless of ceiling support
- Ceiling supported by a suspended system don't require back-blocking

### **Tolerances**

Recess edge joints are unacceptable if the joint is overbuilt, that is the build up of the joint exceeds 2mm over the width of the joint.

### **Masonry Application**

- Wherever the substrate is more than 25mm out of plane the masonry system shall not be used.
- The masonry system should not be used on walls over 3.0 metres high unless otherwise specified by the plasterboard manufacturer.
- Bonding agents may be required for porous surfaces.

### **Common Building Practice**

Where primary members change direction within a room, trimmers should be provided as part of the framing system.

Gypsum linings should not be assumed as a structural element unless verified by test or rational design.

### **Inspections**

Artificial lighting (Fluorescent, torches or spotlights) **cannot** be used to the identification of plaster finish defects.

