

Why should I submit a building plan?

The requirement to obtain approval before building is not just a local authority requirement. This is a requirement in terms of the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act and applies throughout the country and ...

- Ensures a safe and healthy living environment for you and your family ...
- Is a prerequisite to obtaining a bond ...

and

is a legal requirement which means that building without approval may result in prosecution and financial hardship.

The law requires that only persons registered with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) may draw and submit building plans.

We Do House Plans' Director - Donette Werkman - is suitably registered with SACAP.

What needs approval?

Any building which you plan to build on your property requires that a plan be submitted for approval. This would include new buildings, alterations or additions to buildings, boundary walls, swimming pools, garages, wendy houses and tool sheds to name a few.

You will also be required to submit a plan where the use of a property is to be changed. For example, if you want to run a crèche or a business from your house.