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## Appointment of Principal Certifying Authority (PCA)

Before you start any approved building/construction work, your local council or [accredited certifier](#) must be appointed as a principal certifying authority (PCA). You must notify Council of the appointment of the accredited Private Certifier at least 2 days prior to the commencement of any building work.

The PCA oversees the development's construction phase and completes mandatory building inspections, known as critical stage inspections, to make sure that building standards are met.

Once building work has finished, the PCA will complete final inspections and issue the final occupation certificate, if all requirements have been satisfied.

You can choose an independent [accredited certifier](#) (PCA) or contact your Council for further information.

## Inspections

As the owner or contractor in charge of the build, it is your role to work with the nominated PCA to schedule required inspections at certain stages of the build (required inspections will be listed in your development consent). It is advised to book inspections 48 hours prior to when they're required to ensure that inspections can be carried out in a timely manner. Missing an inspection

