

# CodeMark<sup>TM</sup>

Building Confidence



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Australia & New Zealand



## What is CodeMark™?

CodeMark™ is a new building product certification scheme for Australia and New Zealand. Third-party CodeMark™ certification bodies evaluate and certify products to ensure they meet specified requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and/or the New

Zealand Building Code (NZBC).

CodeMark™ strengthens the entire building supply chain and gives users the confidence that their building products comply. Building materials, forms of construction and designs can come under the scheme.

## Why CodeMark™?

Impressive benefits for **everyone**:

- **Confidence** - legislated product acceptance by building control authorities<sup>1</sup> (product opinions, appraisals etc. do not have this legislated acceptance);
- **Confidence** - managing legal liability;
- **Confidence** - operating in Australia and New Zealand, therefore increasing market potential and improving efficiency;
- **Confidence** - for designers, architects, builders, building control authorities, consumers and others who specify, use, approve or invest in CodeMark™ certified products;
- **Confidence** - underpinning the performance-based BCA and NZBC through facilitating the use of new and innovative products; and
- **Confidence** - listing current CodeMark™ certified products and accredited CodeMark™ certification bodies in Australia at [www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au)

## Additional benefits for certificate holders:

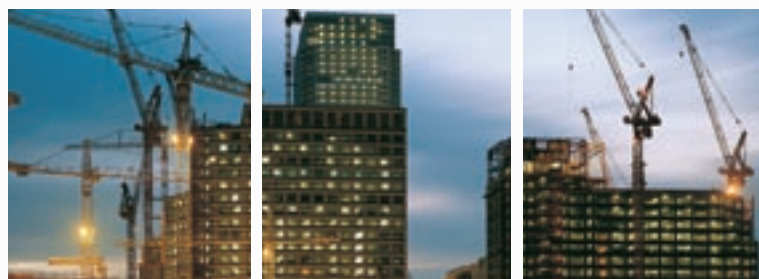
- **Confidence** - offering increased credibility and acceptance of a certificate holder's CodeMark™ certified products, whether established or new, therefore boosting consumer confidence in their organisation;
- **Confidence** - entitling certificate holders to display the CodeMark™ "Mark of Conformity"; and
- **Confidence** - introducing a choice of certification bodies, therefore encouraging a timely and cost effective service.

## Additional benefits for certification bodies:

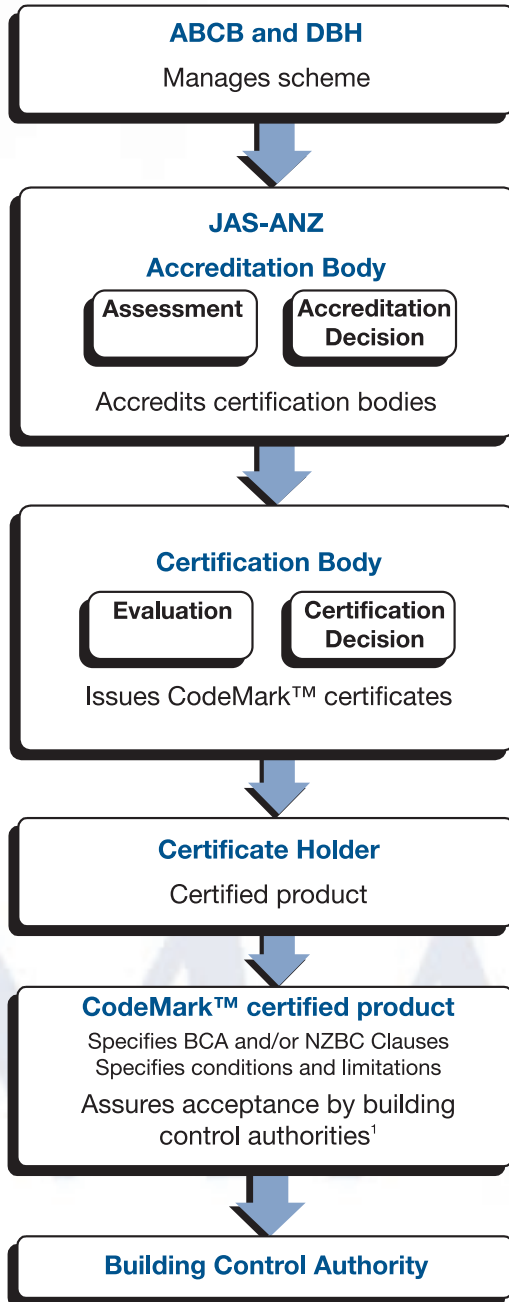
- **Confidence** - providing accreditation from an internationally recognised accreditation body, therefore increasing credibility;
- **Confidence** - increasing acceptance and credibility of a certification body's relevant product testing and evaluation methods; and
- **Confidence** - entitling certification bodies to display the CodeMark™ "Mark of Conformity".

## How does the CodeMark™ scheme work?

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) and New Zealand's Department of Building and Housing (DBH) manage the scheme in their respective countries. The Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ) accredits certification bodies, who in turn evaluate and certify building products. Relevant legislation requires building control authorities to accept CodeMark™ certified products<sup>1</sup>.



## CodeMark™ flowchart:



<sup>1</sup> At the time of publication, some jurisdictions were yet to include provisions in their legislation to require building control authorities to accept CodeMark™ certified products, (provided they comply with the relevant CodeMark™ certificate including any conditions and limitations).

## How can I get my product CodeMark™ certified?

Organisations seeking CodeMark™ certification for their product should apply directly to an appropriate CodeMark™ certification body. Accredited CodeMark™ certification bodies in Australia will be listed at [www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au)

The requirements for evaluation and certification of products are set out in the CodeMark™ Scheme Rules, which are available from the ABCB. Any organisation that can satisfy an appropriate CodeMark™ certification body that its product meets these requirements can have its product CodeMark™ certified. Individual CodeMark™ certification bodies establish many of the finer matters, such as testing, fees, forms etc.

## How can I become a CodeMark™ certification body?

Organisations wanting to become CodeMark™ certification bodies should apply directly to JAS-ANZ. The requirements for accreditation of CodeMark™ certification bodies are set out in the CodeMark™ Scheme Rules, which are available from the ABCB. Any organisation that can satisfy JAS-ANZ that it meets these requirements can become a CodeMark™ certification body.

To find out more about how to become a CodeMark™ certification body:

- visit [www.jas-anz.com.au](http://www.jas-anz.com.au)
- email [contact@jas-anz.com.au](mailto:contact@jas-anz.com.au)
- call (02) 6282 5840

## Where to from here?

The official Australian launch of CodeMark™ is in September 2005 at the ABCB National Conference. To find out more about the CodeMark™ scheme for Australia:

- visit [www.abcb.gov.au](http://www.abcb.gov.au)
- email [codemark@abcb.gov.au](mailto:codemark@abcb.gov.au)
- call 1300 134 631

For New Zealand:

- visit [www.building.govt.nz](http://www.building.govt.nz)
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