

CLASSIFICATION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

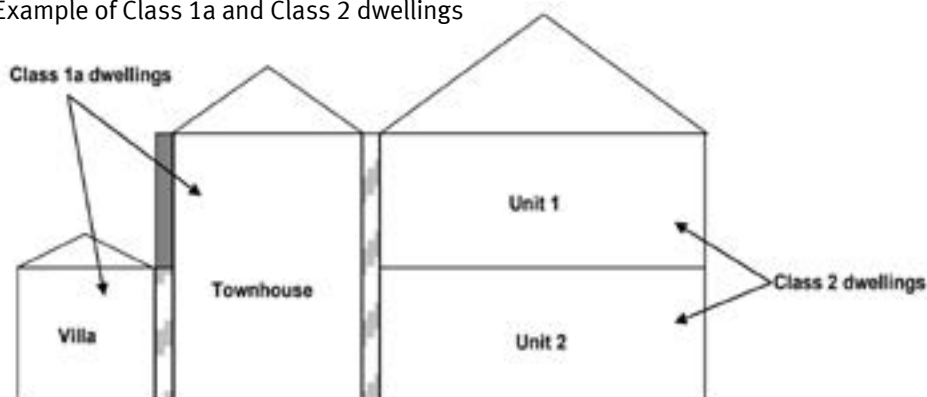
The table below is a classification summary of buildings and structures as defined in the Building Code of Australia, now known as the National Construction Code (NCC).

The domestic smoke alarm legislation applies to Class 1a and Sole Occupancy Units in Class 2 Buildings.

A sole occupancy unit is a private dwelling area within a building which is for exclusive use by the owner/s or tenant/s.

Class 1	Class 1a	a single dwelling being a detached house or one or more attached dwellings, including a row house, terrace house, town house or villa unit,
	Class 1b	a boarding/guest house or hostel not exceeding 300 m ² in which no more than 12 people reside, which is not located above or below another dwelling or another Class of building other than a private garage.
Class 2	A building containing two or more sole occupancy units each being a separate dwelling.	
Class 3	A resident building, other than a Class 1 or 2, which is a common place of long term or transient living for a number of unrelated persons (e.g. boarding house, hostel, backpackers, hotel, residential part of school etc.).	
Class 4	A dwelling in a building that is Class 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 if it is the only dwelling in the building.	
Class 5	An office building used for professional or commercial purposes, excluding buildings of Class 6, 7, 8 or 9.	
Class 6	A shop or other building for the sale of goods by retail or the supply of services direct to the public (e.g. cafe, restaurant, bar, kiosk, hair dressers' shop, showroom, service station).	
Class 7	Class 7a	A building which is a car park.
	Class 7b	A building for storage, or display of goods or produce for sale by wholesale.
Class 8	A laboratory, or a building in which a handicraft or process for the production, assembling, altering, repairing, packing, finishing or cleaning of good or produce is carried on for trade, sale or gain.	
Class 9	A building of a public nature -	
	Class 9a	a health care building.
	Class 9b	an assembly building, including workshop, laboratory or the like, in a primary or secondary school, but excluding any other parts of the building that are of another class.
	Class 9c	an aged care building.
Class 10	A non habitable building or structure -	
	Class 10a	a private garage, carport, shed or the like.
	Class 10b	a structure being a fence, mast, antenna, retaining or free standing wall, swimming pool or the like.

Example of Class 1a and Class 2 dwellings



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Fire Services Act 1990
 Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008