

Has the product you are using been assessed by an ACCREDITED body?

Accreditation of conformity assessment bodies (CAB) by recognised authorities give the building industry the confidence that an assessment has been made by a competent CAB. Product conformity assessments can be conducted by a 1st party (manufacturer), 2nd party (purchaser) or 3rd party (independent body), including inspection bodies and certification bodies.

The National Accreditation Testing Authority (NATA) is Australia's peak national accreditation authority for accrediting activities in testing and inspection. The Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ), is the government appointed authority for accrediting activities in inspection, management system, product certification etc. At the global level, accreditation bodies cooperate to reduce cross-broader technical and trade barriers via Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRA) and Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLA). Conformity assessments conducted by parties with accreditation from a Regional Accreditation Authority, such as NATA, are mutually recognised by all other international signatory members through the relevant MRA and MLA.

As part of the National Construction Product Register (NCPR) checking procedure, we not only check the authenticity of a sampled submission of evidence of conformity with the issuing CAB, we also check that the CAB has been independently accredited and list their accreditation number. See www.ncpr.com.au/conformity-assessment-bodies.

Through the NCPR, we aim to raise the awareness of CAB accreditation and encourage more manufacturers to seek conformity assessments from accredited and reputable conformity assessment bodies.