

# CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction

## DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of builders, site managers and managers of small to medium-sized building businesses who apply knowledge of structural principles, codes, standards and legal requirements to Class 1 and 10, to a maximum of two storeys and Class 2 to 9 Type C constructions, and who plan and supervise safe building and construction work, prepare and administer contracts, and who apply quality principles to building and construction projects.

Building relates to construction and Site Management is about managing the factors around construction, such as the deployment of crews with specialised skills (including builders), product compliance, deployment of contract specialised skills, weather and site location.

Occupational titles depending on packaging options selected may include:

- Builder
- Construction Supervisor
- Site Manager
- Site Supervisor
- Leading Hand

The qualification is designed to enable two specialised occupational outcome pathways depending on elective options which will be reflected as:

- Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building) or
- Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Site Management)

Completion of the general construction induction training program specified by the model Code of Practice for Construction Work is required for any person who is to carry out construction work. Achievement of unit *CPCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry* meets this requirement.

Builder and Site Supervisor licensing varies across States and Territories and requirements additional to the attainment of this qualification may be required.

## ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

To gain entry into CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction, candidates require:

- Recommended completion of English and Maths to a year 12 standard
- Mature-aged students, with industry skills and knowledge
- Completion of a Certificate III Trade Certificate
- Confident computer literacy
- Candidates are expected to have or obtain a White Card

To gain entry into CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction as an apprentice, candidates require:

- To be an Apprentice who has entered a Training Contract with their employer and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network NT.

## DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina, Alice Springs, Remote, Online (Remote, Regional, and Interstate)
Duration*	1-year full time, 2 years part time
Study mode ^^	Face to Face, online
Dates ^	Start 2/2/2026  Students can enrol at any time after the identified start date and will commence at the start of the next available unit. A specific commencement date will be determined in consultation with the delivery team.
Attendance	Tuesdays and Thursdays Face to face and/or online Every two weeks 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm

\* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

## FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$3,241.70 - \$3,511.20
Full Fee	\$14,423.46 - \$15,622.56

\*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#).

## ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

## CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

## RESOURCES

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/services/learnline>.

Students are issued with resource materials, such as plans and contracts, for Certificate IV in Building and Construction.

## STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to a Building and Construction Diploma and Construction Administration. On completion of this qualification, credit(s) may be available in Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Builder
- Construction Supervisor
- Site manager
- Site supervisor
- Leading hand

## QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve a CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction, a total of nineteen (19) units of competency must be completed, comprising eleven (11) core and eight (8) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

### CORE UNITS

CPCCB4001	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 1 and 10 buildings
CPCCB4002	Manage work health and safety in the building and construction workplace
CPCCB4007	Plan building and construction work

CPCCBC4008	Supervise site communication and administration processes for building and construction projects
CPCCBC4009	Apply legal requirements to building and construction projects
CPCCBC4010*	Apply structural principles to residential and commercial constructions
CPCCBC4012	Read and interpret plans and specifications
CPCCBC4014	Prepare simple building sketches and drawings
CPCCBC4018	Apply site surveys and set-out procedures to building and construction projects
CPCCBC4021	Minimise waste on the building and construction site
CPCCBC4053	Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 2 to 9 Type C

## ELECTIVE UNITS (Select 8 units)

<b>Group A - Building</b>	
BSBPMG422	Apply project quality management techniques
CPCCBC4003	Select, prepare and administer a construction contract
CPCCBC4004	Identify and produce estimated costs for building and construction projects
CPCCBC4005	Produce labour and material schedules for ordering
CPCCBC4006	Select, procure and store construction materials for building and construction projects
CPCSUS4002	Use building science principles to construct energy efficient buildings
<b>Group B – Site Manager</b>	
CPCCBC4013	Prepare and evaluate tender documentation
CPCCBC4052	Lead and manage teams in the building and construction industry
CPCCBC4017	Arrange resources and prepare for the building and construction project
CPCCCO4001	Supervise concreting work
<b>General Electives</b>	
CPCCBC5019	Manage building and construction business finances

### \*Prerequisite requirements

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement units
CPCCBC4010 Apply structural principles to residential and commercial constructions.	CPCCBC4053 Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 2 to 9 Type C buildings. CPCCBC4001 Apply building codes and standards to the construction process for Class 1 and 10 buildings.

## WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

The University provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

## CONTACT DETAILS

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.