

Western Australian/ ADMA-NCC (BCA) Flexible Duct, Thermal & Fire Rating Requirements from May 1 2013

Domestic Applications

BCA 2013 is mandatory for all Class 1 + 10 domestic buildings in WA issued with a building permit from May 1 2013.

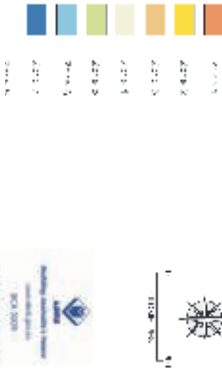
BCA 2013 specifies:

- All duct in a heating system that is ignited by a flame must be fire rated to AS 4254.1:2012
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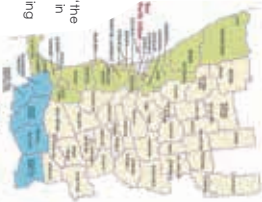
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- Under a suspended floor within an enclosed perimeter or
- In a roof space that has insulation of not less than R 0.5 directly beneath the roofing i.e. above the duct.
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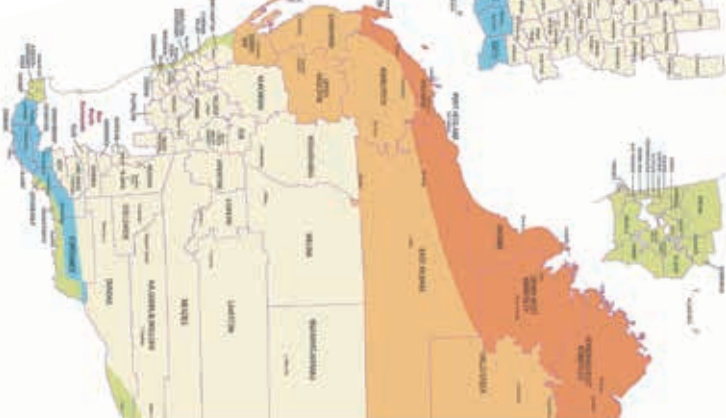
Climate Zones



Perth Surrounds



Perth Urban



Commercial Applications

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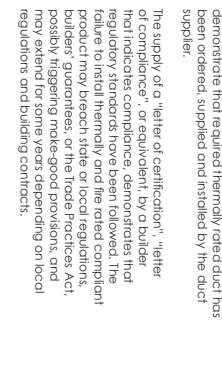
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