

*May 2011 Ian Jennings the General Manager of the Building Services Authority published the following article.*

## ***Don't give up your licence***

Your BSA licence demonstrates the hard work and commitment you have undertaken to master your trade. Your licence is something to be very proud of and it is more valuable now than ever.

Consumers have been accessing BSA's online, licence-search facility in record numbers, using it to verify builders or tradesmen before they take them on.

Now, the State Government has passed policy under the Premier's Disaster Relief Fund that will ensure only BSA-licensed builders or contractors obtain work related to the rebuilding process in Queensland.

Applicants looking to make a claim in the third round of the Premier's Disaster Relief Fund need to provide quote documentation from BSA-licensed builders.

Unlicensed contractors will not get a look in from homeowners keen to secure grants of up to \$150,000. Now is certainly not the time to let your licence go. If you let your BSA licence lapse, you have to formally reapply, demonstrating all criteria, including technical qualifications and successful completion of a management course.

If you don't have formal technical qualifications, you will be required to gain these through a Registered Training Organisation, which can cost thousands of dollars and several months of your time.

If necessary, consider changing your level of licence. Changing from a Contractor to a Nominee Supervisor licence costs less but keeps your licence intact.

To start building work again, you can simply upgrade back to a Contractor level, without formally re-applying.

Don't give up your licence. Give us a call on 1300 272 272 and we can talk you through your options.