

Automatic Mutual Recognition

Factsheet for licensed surveyors working in South Australia under Automatic Deemed Registration

To be able to carry out cadastral surveys in SA under Automatic Mutual Recognition (AMR) you must notify the Surveyors Board of South Australia of your intention to work in SA under AMR.

Refer to the Surveyors Board website for more information.

This factsheet outlines the requirements for working as a licensed cadastral surveyor in South Australia.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

A 'practicing' licensed cadastral surveyor in South Australia must be covered by Professional Indemnity Insurance for a minimum of \$2,000,000, however the level of cover should reflect the scope of the work being undertaken. Annex D to Section 10 of the Surveyors Board's Standing Operating Procedures provides further detail.

Cadastral Surveying Legislation

You must comply with all applicable cadastral surveying legislation while working in South Australia.

Cadastral survey practice in South Australia is regulated by a four-tiered structure, the components being:

- **Survey Act 1992**
- **Survey Regulations 2020**
- **Notices of the Surveyor-General**
 - + No 1 – Accuracy
 - + No 2 – Marks Approved as Survey Pegs
 - + No 3 – Placing or Accepting Survey Marks
 - + No 4 – Placing Permanent Survey Marks and Provision of Information for Permanent Survey Marks
 - + No 5 – Survey Reports
 - + No 6 – Approved Form of Certificate
 - + No 7 – Exemptions
- **Guidelines**
 - + **Cadastral Survey Guidelines (CSG)** provide detail to supplement:
 - cadastral survey instructions
 - requirements of the Survey Act, Regulations and other legislation
 - information about boundary common law and survey practice in South Australia.
 - + **Plan Presentation Requirements (PPR)** detail the Registrar-General's plan requirements.

Office of the Surveyor-General

The **Office of the Surveyor-General** is the primary government authority on surveying and the cadastre and is responsible for setting cadastral surveying practice standards and monitoring compliance. An **Audit & Compliance Framework** has been established to provide education to licensed surveyors and monitor the standards of certified surveys lodged with Land Services SA. Desktop investigations and audit surveys gauge compliance by licensed surveyors with survey instructions in the Survey Regulations 2020 and Notices of the Surveyor-General. Surveyors practicing in SA under ADR will be included in the audit and compliance programs.

The Surveyors Board of South Australia

The Surveyors Board of South Australia is responsible for the training, licensing and registration of surveyors in South Australia.

The Board also publishes - **Code of Ethics** and **Code of Practice – Lodgement of Boundary Identification Surveys**. Refer to the **Surveyors Board of South Australia website** for more information.

Professional Development

While it is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that interstate surveyors working in SA under AMR participate in annual Surveyors Board of South Australia and the Surveying & Spatial Sciences Institute (SSSI) SA Land Surveying Commission Cadastral Surveying Workshops and other professional development events.

Plan Lodgement

Land Services SA (LSSA) is the exclusive Service Provider to the South Australian Government for a range of transactional land services previously delivered through the Lands Titles Office.

Over 98% of plans are lodged electronically in South Australia. To lodge survey plans in SA you are required to apply to LSSA for a South Australian Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) Account and a Digital Plan Lodgement (DPL) Account. Refer to the **Lodging Plans section** of the Land Services SA website for more information.

Other Relevant Legislation

You must also comply with all other applicable laws while working in South Australia, including, but not limited to, laws relating to:

- **Approved Codes of Practice in SA**
- **Employing people**
- **State taxes**
- **Safe Work SA**