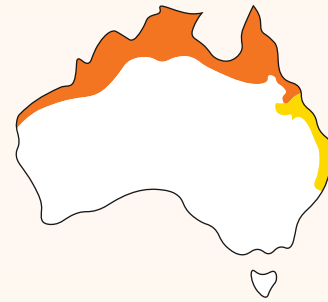


Fact Sheet: ABCB Climate Zones 1 & 2 Provision



? Did You Know?

If you're building in **Climate Zones 1 or 2**, your build may only need to reach **6 or 6.5 stars**?



 Zone 1
 Zone 2



The dwelling must have an **outdoor living area** that meets a number of requirements.

Determine the minimum star rating requirement for your build:

1 Are you building in a climate zone **1** or **2**?

Visit the next page to find out how to determine your build's climate zone.

- a. **Yes** - move to question 2.
- b. **No** - your build must meet a minimum 7 star rating.

2 Does your build include an **outdoor living area**?

- a. **Yes** - move to question 3.
- b. **No** - your build must meet a minimum 7 star rating.

3 Does your your **outdoor living area**:

- a. Comply with **S42C2(3)***, and contain a roof with a total **R-value greater than or equal to 1.5?**
Visit the next page for compliance details.
- b. Have at least **one** permanently installed ceiling fan that meets **S42C2(5)*?**
Visit the next page for compliance details.
 - i. **Yes to A** - your build must meet a star rating greater than or equal to **6.5**.
 - ii. **Yes to both** - your build must meet a star rating greater than or equal to **6.0**.



How to Determine Your Build's Climate Zone:

Head to <https://www.abcb.gov.au/resources/climate-zone-map> and input your build's postcode or suburb.



Explanation of S42C2(3):

To meet S42C2(3) requirements, an outdoor living area is a space that:

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(3) An outdoor living area in (1)(b) and (1)(c) is a space that –

(a) is directly adjoining, and directly accessible from, a general purpose living area of a Class 1 building such as a lounge, kitchen, dining or family room, which is not a room for sleeping or a specialist tasks such as a study or home theatre; and

(b) has a floor area greater than or equal to 12.0m²; and

(c) has length and width dimensions greater than or equal to 2.5m each; and

(d) has an opening height above floor level greater than or equal to 2.1m; and

(e) has one side permanently open with a second side either –
permanently open; or
readily openable.

(4) The sides referred to in (3)(e) must be greater than or equal to 900mm from an allotment boundary or 900mm from an obstruction to the breeze path such as a building, fence or other structure.

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