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BAL Assessments

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	BAL-LOW	BAL-12.5	BAL-19	BAL-29	BAL-40	BAL-FZ (FLAME ZONE)
SUBFLOOR SUPPORTS	No special construction requirements	As for BAL-19	Enclosure by external wall or by steel, bronze or aluminum mesh. Non-combustible or naturally fire resistant timber supports where the subfloor is unenclosed	Enclosure by external wall or by steel, bronze or aluminum mesh. Non-combustible or naturally fire resistant timber supports where the subfloor is unenclosed	If enclosed by external wall refer below 'External Walls' section in table or non-combustible subfloor supports or tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.1	Subfloor supports - enclosure by external wall or non-combustible with an FRL of 30/-/- or be tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.2
FLOORS	No special construction requirements	As for BAL-19	Concrete slab on ground or enclosure by external wall, metal mesh as above or flooring less than 400 mm above ground level to be non-combustible, naturally fire resistant timber or protected on the underside with sarking or mineral wool insulation	Concrete slab on ground or enclosure by external wall, metal mesh as above or flooring less than 400 mm above ground level to be non-combustible, naturally fire resistant timber or protected on the underside with sarking or mineral wool insulation	Concrete slab on ground or enclosure by external wall or protection of underside with a non-combustible material such as fibre cement sheet or be non-combustible or be tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.1	Concrete slab on ground or enclosure by external wall or an FRL of 30/30/30 or protection of underside with 30 minute incipient spread of fire system or be tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.2
EXTERNAL WALLS	No special construction requirements	As for BAL-19	External walls - Parts less than 400 mm above ground or decks etc to be of non-combustible material, 6 mm fibre cement clad or bushfire resistant/naturally fire resistant timber	Non-combustible material (masonry, brick veneer, mud brick, aerated concrete, concrete), timber framed, steel framed walls sarked on the outside and clad with 6 mm fibre cement sheeting or steel sheeting or bushfire resistant timber	Non-combustible material (masonry, brick veneer, mud brick, aerated concrete, concrete) or timber framed or steel framed walls sarked on the outside and clad with 9 mm fibre cement sheeting or steel sheeting or be tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.1	Non-combustible material (masonry, brick veneer, mud brick, aerated concrete, concrete) with minimum thickness of 90 mm or an FRL of -/30/30 when tested from outside or be tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.2
EXTERNAL WINDOWS	No special construction requirements	4mm Grade A Safety Glass or glass blocks within 400 mm of ground, deck etc with Openable portion metal screened with frame of metal or metal reinforced PVC-U or bushfire resisting timber	5 mm toughened glass or glass blocks within 400 mm of ground, deck etc with Openable portion metal screened with frame of metal or metal reinforced PVC-U or bushfire resisting timber. Above 400mm annealed glass can be used with all glass screened	5 mm toughened glass with openable portion screened and frame of metal or metal reinforced PVC-U, or bushfire resisting timber and portion within 400 mm of ground, deck etc screened	6 mm toughened glass. Fixed and Openable portion screened with steel or bronze mesh	Protected by bushfire shutter or FRL of -/30/- and openable portion screened with steel or bronze mesh or be tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.2
EXTERNAL DOORS	No special construction requirements	As for BAL-19 except that door framing can be naturally fire resistant (high density) timber	Screened with steel, bronze or aluminum mesh or glazed with 5 mm toughened glass, non-combustible or 35 mm solid timber for 400 mm above threshold, metal or bushfire resisting timber framed for 400 mm above ground, decking, etc, tight-fitting with weather strips at base	Screened with steel, bronze or aluminum mesh or non-combustible, or 35 mm solid timber for 400 mm above threshold. Metal or bushfire resisting timber framed tight-fitting with weather strips at base	Non-combustible or 35 mm solid timber, screened with steel or bronze mesh, metal framed, tight-fitting with weather strips at base	Protected by bushfire shutter or tight-fitting with weather strips at base and an FRL of -/30/-
ROOFS	No special construction requirements	As for BAL-19 (including roof to be fully sarked)	Non-combustible covering. Roof/wall junction sealed. Openings fitted with non-combustible ember guards. Roof to be fully sarked	Non-combustible covering. Roof/wall junction sealed. Openings fitted with non-combustible ember guards. Roof to be fully sarked	Non-combustible covering. Roof/wall junction sealed. Openings fitted with non-combustible ember guards. Roof to be fully sarked and no roof mounted evaporative coolers	Roof with FRL of 30/30/30 or tested for bushfire resistance to AS 1530.8.2. Roof/wall junction sealed. Openings fitted with non-combustible ember guards. No roof mounted evaporative coolers
VERANDAS DECKS ETC.	No special construction requirements	As for BAL-19	Enclosed sub-floor space - no special requirement for materials except within 400 mm of ground. No special requirements for supports or framing. Decking to be non-combustible or bushfire resistant within 300 mm horizontally and 400 mm vertically from a glazed element	Enclosed sub-floor space or non-combustible or bushfire resistant timber supports. Decking to be non-combustible or bushfire-resisting timber	Enclosed sub-floor space or non-combustible supports. Decking to be non-combustible	Enclosed sub-floor space or non-combustible supports. Decking to have no gaps and be non-combustible

Please note: The information in the table is a summary of the construction requirements in the November 2018 standard and is not intended as a design or construction guide. You should consult the standard for the full technical details and amendments issued from time to time.