

Public Works Department (Building Services Agency)

Drawings Registration: Imperial Series 1853 to 1972

Drawings created from 1853 to 1972 were controlled by a number of different drawing registration systems. The following is a list of drawing prefix letters and numbers that forms part of the drawing registration number.

Drawing Prefix Letters and numbers	Plan Description
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Bridges and Roads

B CB	Bridges, Country Bridges
B CB & C	Bridges, Country Bridges and Culverts
B MRB	Bridges, Murray River Bridges
B P	Bridges, Punts
B TB	Bridges, Town Bridges
B TB & C	Bridges, Town Bridges and Culverts
H J W	Harbour Works, Jetty
HW RW	Harbour Works, Retaining Wall
M	Miscellaneous
M BLB	Miscellaneous, Beacon Lights and Buoys
M CP	Miscellaneous, Contour Plans
M M	Miscellaneous, Machinery
M M & S	Miscellaneous, Melbourne and Suburbs
M P & G	Miscellaneous, Parks and Gardens
M SC	Miscellaneous, Survey Channels
M WS	Miscellaneous, Water Supply
R B	Reclamations, Beautifications
R D	Reclamations, Drainage
R FCL	Reclamations, Filling Crown Lands
R L	Reclamations, Levees
R RCL	Reclamations, River Crown Lands
R RI	Reclamations, River Improvements
R R	Reclamations, Rivers
R CR	Roads, Country Roads
R CR & T	Roads, Country Roads and Tracks
R CSR	Roads, Closer Settlement Roads
R SD	Reclamations, Swamp Drainage
R T	Roads, Tracks
R TR	Roads, Town Roads
R TR & T	Roads, Tourist Roads and Tracks

Schools – Note: SSO are the oldest School Plans

SSO	State Schools - Old
SSN	State Schools - New
SS	State Schools
SS Sd	State Schools - Standards
SSSO	State Schools Secondary - Old
SSSN	State Schools Secondary - New
TS	Technical Schools
HS	High Schools
UC	Universities and Colleges

Mental Hospitals

MH	Mental Hospitals
MH Sd	Mental Hospitals - Standards

Government Buildings

AD	Agricultural Department
AR	Aboriginal Reserves
B	Bridges
BC	Buchan Caves
CE	Crematorium
CR	Country Roads
CS	Cool Stores
EB	Exhibition Buildings
F&W	Fisheries and Wildlife
Fa	Factories
FO	Forest Commission Offices
G	Gardens
GH	Government House
H	Hospitals
Ha	Hatchery
HT	Harbour Trust
HO	Hostels
I	Immigration
L	Libraries and National Galleries
LS	Lands and Survey
MB	Milkboard
MD	Mines Department
NP	National Parks
OB	Observatories

P	Government Pavilions
PB	Public Buildings
P&H	Ports and Harbours
PM	Powder Magazines
PO	Government Printing Office
Q	Quarries
R	Residences
RM	Royal Mint
RO	Records Office
RS	Research Stations
RT	Road Traffic
SC	Soil Conservation Authority
SG	Sports Grounds
SI	State Accident and Insurance
SL	State Laboratories
SR	State Rivers
SW	Social Welfare
TB	Tourist Bureau
TO	Titles/Registry Office
TP	Government Treasury Place Buildings
WM	War Memorials

Civil and Drainage

36/ to 85/	Civil Plans
S	Drainage, Sewerage

Electrical and Mechanical

50P to 76 P	Electrical
P 10 to P11	Electrical
PB	Mechanical
PD	Mechanical - Design Manual
PE	Mechanical - Equipment
PH	Mechanical - Heating
PK	Mechanical - Preliminary Drawings
PM	Mechanical - Mechanical Handling
PP	Mechanical - Pumps
PR	Mechanical - Equipment Rating Sheets
PS	Mechanical - Steam
PV	Mechanical - Ventilation
PW	Mechanical - Hot Water Services
PX	Mechanical - Miscellaneous

50B, 50C, 50D, 50E	Electrical - Technical Schools
51B, 51C, 51D, 51E	Electrical - Primary, Secondary & Consolidated Schools, Universities
52B, 52C, 52D, 52E,	Electrical - Mental Hospitals and Children's Welfare Dept.
53B, 53C, 53D, 53E	Electrical - Public Hospitals
54B, 54C, 54D, 54E	Electrical - Sanatoria
55B, 55C, 55D, 55E	Electrical - Agricultural Department
56B, 56C, 56D, 56E	Electrical - Public Offices
58B, 58C, 58D, 58E	Electrical - Residences
59B, 59C, 59D, 59E	Electrical - Standard and Miscellaneous
60B, 60C, 60D, 60E to 69B, 69C, 69D, 69E	Electrical - Switchboards
70B, 70C, 70D, 70E	Electrical - Reticulation and Block Plans
71B, 71C, 71D, 71E	Fire Alarms, Telephones and Watchman's Clocks
72B, 72C, 72D, 72E	Bell, Call and Clock Systems
73B, 73C, 73D, 73E	Radio and Sound Systems
74B, 74C, 74D, 74E	Special Details
75B, 75C, 75D, 75E to 76B, 76C, 76D, 76E	General
BB, BC, BD, BE	Mechanical
EB, EC, ED, EE	Mechanical - Equipment
HB, HC, HD, HE	Mechanical - Heating
KB, KC, KD, KE	Mechanical - Preliminary Drawings
LB, LC, LD, LE	Mechanical - Lifts
MB, MC, MD, ME	Mechanical - Mechanical Handling
PB, PC, PD, PE	Mechanical - Pumps
SB, SC, SD, SE	Mechanical - Steam
WB, WC, WD, WE	Mechanical - Hot Water Services
XB, XC, XD, XE	Mechanical - Miscellaneous
10B, 10C, 10D, to 12B, 12C, 12D	Mechanical
14B, 14C	Mechanical
19B, 19C	Mechanical
29B, 29C, 29E	Mechanical
VB, VC, VD, VE	Mechanical - Ventilation

Standards

Sd	Imperial Standards
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A to F Series

A to F	Drawings registered by size of sheet - includes all disciplines
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Drawing Registration: Metric Series 1973-1998

After metrics was introduced in 1973 drawing registration used the following format: **95 769A1B**

95 is the year in which the project is registered

769 is the number related to the project

A1 is the discipline code letter and the sheet number within that discipline

B is the amendments letter, used to indicate that a plan had been amended.

When first amended the letter A was added, when a second amendment occurred the letter changed to B, and so on.

NOTE: Discipline Code letters are as follows:

A	- Architectural
C	- Civil
Com	- Communications
E	- Electrical
F	- Fitment
FS	- Fire Service
FPS	- Fire Protection Services
H	- Hydraulics
K	- Equipment
L	- Landscape
LV	- Lifts
M	- Mechanical
R	- Relocatable
S	- Structural
Sec	- Security
Sd	- Standard Drawings
Su	- Survey

Sd - Standard Drawings

Standard drawings exist in most disciplines and are recorded with the prefix Sd the year is not included in the drawing number.

Sd – Standards

SdC – Standards Civil

SdCE – Standards Communications

SdE – Standards Electrical

SdF – Standards Fitments

SdM – Standards Mechanical

Su - Survey Drawings

Standard drawings document surveys conducted by the Public Works Department and subsequent agencies as part of the design and construction of various buildings. The series prefix is Su.

Drawing Prefix Letters and numbers	Plan Description
73 to 98	1973 to 1998
Survey	
Su	Metric Survey
Standards	
Sd	Standards