

# Updating the R-Codes

The Residential Design Codes are a Western Australian institution with a long tradition and a high level of acceptance in local government, industry and the community. The R-Codes provide a sound, stable and uniform basis for shaping residential development across the state, delivering attractive streetscapes and maintaining neighbourliness.

The WAPC recognises the value of the R-Codes in their present form while believing that greater diversity in housing, more responsiveness to place and climate, and more support for innovation is required. To this end new provisions for planning housing, whether or not as part of the R-Codes, will be developed.

In the meantime, the R-Codes must be kept up-to-date and respond to changing community expectations. This edition of the R-Codes embodies many minor changes and improvements to the form of the R-Codes adopted in 2002. The processes used in reviewing the codes and the nature of the changes are outlined in Planning Bulletin 89 R-Codes Amended.

## Bound for updates

From now on the R-Codes will be published in a ring binder to reflect the WAPC's intentions to improve and modify the codes as needed. As changes are made to the codes new pages will be issued for insertion into the binder.

## Codes and guidelines

Publishing the codes in this form has allowed us to separate the statutory codes from the supporting guidelines, which were previously incorporated through the document. At the same time, those who wish to keep the guidelines with the sections to which they refer can redistribute the guidelines in the ring binder.

## Staying up-to-date

Those who buy the R-Codes are purchasing a subscription to any updates to this edition. Each update will consist of replacement pages and this update page, which records current and previous updates. As necessary, a new contents page will be issued at the same time. To ensure you receive updates register on the R-Codes page of the WAPC website, at [www.wapc.wa.gov.au/RCodes](http://www.wapc.wa.gov.au/RCodes). This is also the place to buy the current contents and to download update pages.

## Operating instructions

When there is an update, please respond straight away. First check that the previous update – listed on this page – has been inserted. Then discard the old pages and replace with the new. Make sure you add this new update page at the front.

Updates	Date	Contents	Pages
Update 0	April 2008	State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes (Variation 1) Residential Design Codes of Western Australia Explanatory Guidelines Planning Bulletin 89 R-Codes Amended	all
Update 01	April 2009	State Planning Policy 3.1 Residential Design Codes (Variation 1) - Update to clause 6.1.3 A3 iv. removing the expiry date. Residential Design Codes of Western Australia Explanatory Guidelines - Update to 'Special circumstances for areas coded R20' by removing the '30 April 2009' expiry date.	Part 6, p4 Part 6, p5