



# Building Services Authority ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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## **SUNSHINE COAST LICENCE BLITZ**

### **More than 99% of Sunshine Coast builders doing the right thing**

In its latest licence “blitz” on the Sunshine Coast, the Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) found the vast majority of building contractors are doing the right thing.

BSA interviewed 302 contractors on 60 Sunshine Coast building sites and found only one person suspected of working without a BSA licence.

BSA’s General Manager, Ian Jennings, said this was a great result for the area.

“I’m extremely pleased with the result which shows that nearly 100% of contractors on the Sunshine Coast are doing the right thing,” he said.

“The Sunshine Coast returned the second best result in the State, well below the State average of 1.7%.”

Mr Jennings said that the Sunshine Coast has achieved better audit results than most other parts of the State since May 2007.

“This is really good news, especially for a region that has experienced considerable growth during this period.”

Approximately 9,000 of BSA’s 81,355 licensee live and work on the Sunshine Coast.

Mr Jennings stresses the importance of homeowners using a BSA-licensed contractor.

“We say ‘if they can’t show you their licence, show them the door’.

“A person’s home is likely to be their greatest asset so they should only hire appropriately licensed contractors to do building work on it,” he said.

Mr Jennings said homeowners can check if a contractor has a BSA licence by conducting a free online licence search at [www.bsa.qld.gov.au](http://www.bsa.qld.gov.au) or by calling 1300 BSA BSA.

“BSA’s licensing audits target all types of building work in all areas of Queensland and are conducted randomly to allow BSA to assess the level of unlicensed contracting in the industry,” Mr Jennings said.

If you have any questions about building or licensing, call 1300 BSA BSA, visit [www.bsa.qld.gov.au](http://www.bsa.qld.gov.au) or drop into BSA’s Sunshine Coast Office at Credit Union Australia Plaza, Cnr Baden Powell St and Maroochydore Rd, Maroochydore.

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