



Information Sheet:

Asbestos registers and management plans

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The Uniting Church in Australia is committed to providing safe places where people are cared for, nurtured and sustained.

The hazards and exposures associated with asbestos containing materials can be significant.

All Church workplaces (including places of worship and manses) are required to comply with new and previously existing duties relating to asbestos.

Codes of Practice detailing information in respect of managing and removing asbestos are available for download from the [Queensland Government's Asbestos site](#):

- [Code of Practice: How to Manage and Control Asbestos in the Workplace](#); and
- [Code of Practice: How to Safely Remove Asbestos](#)

Legislative Updates

As of 2025, all workplaces in Queensland must comply with the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 (as amended) and the Statewide Strategic Plan for the Safe Management of Asbestos in Queensland 2022–2025.

From 1 August to 31 October 2025, WHSQ inspectors will audit buildings constructed before 1990 to ensure compliance. If your business operates from a building built before 1990, you must ensure you have taken the appropriate steps to manage any asbestos risks. This includes having a current asbestos register and an asbestos management plan. A [workplace code of practice](#) (PDF, 0.97 MB) is available to help guide your compliance.

Further information can be found on the WorkSafe.qld.gov.au website.

Obligations and responsibilities

All workplaces must:

- Maintain a current asbestos register identifying all asbestos-containing materials (ACMs).
- Review and update the register at least every 5 years or when changes occur.
- Develop and implement an asbestos management plan including:
 - Procedures for monitoring ACMs
 - Control measures to prevent exposure
 - Training and communication protocols
 - Emergency procedures for asbestos incidents

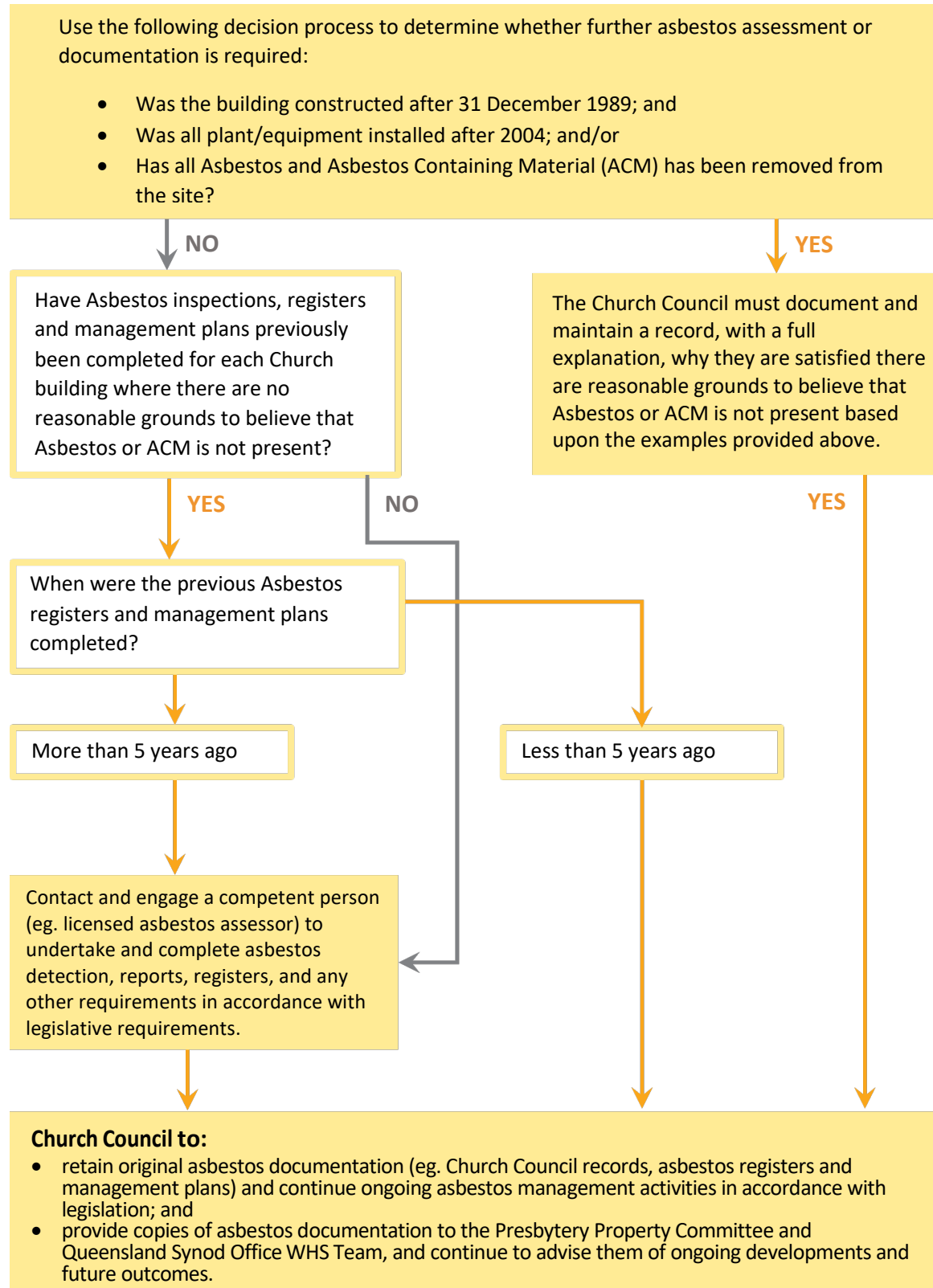
To assist Congregations with this process, Flowchart 1 on page 2 of this information sheet outlines a basic process that can be followed in helping decide what further action (if any) may be required.

The process outlined in Flowchart 1 is only provided as a guide. If a Congregation is uncertain or unsure about whether or not they need to take further action they should contact a qualified asbestos management consultant or the Synod's WHS Team.

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Flow Chart 1 – asbestos action decision process





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Asbestos management consultants

The Queensland Synod Office does not endorse specific providers. Congregations may consult the Asbestos Industry Association or WHSQ's approved provider list for licensed assessors.

Digital Documentation Practices

Congregations must retain original asbestos documentation and share copies with the **Presbytery Property Committee** and **Queensland Synod Office Risk & Insurance Team**.

Digital storage is recommended for accessibility and compliance tracking.

Additional work health and safety resources

Further information in respect of Asbestos, Risk Management, and other Workplace Health and Safety topics can also be found on the [Work Health and Safety Page on the Hub](#).

Contact Information

Should you have any additional queries in respect of asbestos registers and management plans, please contact the Queensland Synod Office:

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