

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1982, No. 25\*

Regulations under the Building Act

I, ERIC EUGENE JOHNSTON, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the Building Act.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1982.

E. E. JOHNSTON

Administrator

By His Honour's Command

M. B. PERRON

Minister for Lands and Housing

AMENDMENTS OF THE BUILDING REGULATIONS

The Building Manual 1978 set out in the Fifth Schedule to the Building Regulations is amended -

(a) by omitting clause 31.3 and substituting the following:

"31.3 (1) Where -

- (a) the soil conditions during an excavation or earthworks are such that it is reasonably required;
- (b) an excavation or filled embankment is permanent with a slope steeper than the angle of repose or natural slope of the soil or of the material used; or
- (c) the Board is of the opinion that an excavation or earth-work will cause undue interference to an adjacent site,

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a retaining wall, or another approved method of preventing movement of soil or material, shall be provided together with such drainage as is necessary to prevent the retention of water.

"(2) Wherever it is proposed that a retaining wall be provided as required under sub-clause (1), a certificate from a practising Structural Engineer shall be submitted to the Board certifying that when constructed, in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by him, the retaining wall shall be -

- (a) structurally sound and of sufficient strength to support the loads to which it will be reasonably subjected; and
- (b) in accordance with the Australian Standard relevant to the retaining wall as set out in Part 40.

(3) A person who constructs a retaining wall shall construct it with durable materials and in accordance with the drawings and specifications which a practising Structural Engineer has certified and submitted to the Board in relation to the retaining wall."; and

- (b) by omitting clause 44.3 and substituting the following:

"44.3 Where, in the opinion of the Board, paving, excavation or other work on the natural surface of a site causes or may cause undue interference with the existing drainage of rain-water falling on any part of the site, whether the existing drainage is natural or otherwise, before the Board may grant approval to build, it shall require, to its satisfaction, the provision of a system of drainage to offset any problems arising or which may arise from such interference external to a building or proposed building on the site, or an adjacent site or building."