



**FREQUENTLY
ASKED
QUESTIONS**



Welcome and thank you for your interest in learning more about Built Form Design Academy and our nationally accredited qualification CPP40115 Certificate IV in Building Design Drafting.

This guide has been put together to answer Frequently Asked Questions that students often ask us prior to enrolment.

My name is Teresa Serrao and I am the founding member and Head of School at Built Form Design Academy. I have been a registered architect for over 20 years and am well entrenched in the architecture community.

I have also been involved with teaching Building Designers for over 7 years at a variety of colleges and universities around Sydney.

We look forward to you joining the Built Form Design Academy community.

Teresa Serrao
Founder and Head of School



1. I am worried that I won't get a job after I finish the course. How does your course help me to get a job in the industry?

At Built Form Design Academy we focus on providing students, not just with the technical skills required for the job, but with making the course industry relevant.

Having a great portfolio and being industry relevant is the key to being successful in the industry. So, as you are coming to the end of your course we will help you to create an awesome portfolio which you will be proud to take to a job interview.

Of course, you could also choose to setup your own drafting services when you have completed the course. There is a variety of directions you can choose to go when you are finished.



2. I still work in a full time job, will I be able to do this course at night and on weekends?

The self-paced online format of the course means that you choose, and take control, of your progress.

All the course notes you require are available to you on the learning portal.

If you have any problems send us an email and we will get back to you, via email or phone call, on the next business day. We can also organise a one-on-one webinar outside of normal work hours.



3. What if I attend a webinar session with an educator but don't get back to it for a few days and I forget what we went through?

Built Form Design Academy regularly schedules webinars.

These webinars provide students with an opportunity to ask questions about topics and assessments.

Webinars will be recorded for you to watch over and over again, until you nail the problem.



4. What if my study is disrupted and I take longer to complete the course, will I get charged extra fees?

We often get asked how long the course will take and how much study is required to get through.

As a general rule, if a student spends about 25 hours per week studying (which is a full time course load) they should be able to complete the course in 1 year. The 25 hours per week includes all reading, research and completion of assessments.

Built Form Design Academy knows that life can sometimes throw us a curve ball! And by its very nature the attraction with online study is that you can fit it into your life. So if something comes up and you need a bit of time off or your pace is slowed down, we offer everyone two years to complete the course at no additional cost.



5. I don't know anyone
in this industry and
am worried about not
knowing how to meet
other people in this
industry?

As a student of our college, you could also become a Student Member of the BDAA (Building Designers Association Australia).

Membership of this organisation for students is free. You could enter their mentoring program or simply go along to their meetings in order to meet other like minded people.

This could also be a fantastic opportunity to network and get some work experience while you are studying or when you are finished.



6. What other areas of the construction industry can I potentially work in if I do this course?

There are so many areas that you can potentially move into after completing this course.

Ultimately the direction your career will follow will be dictated by your particular passions.

We've listed on our website, just some of the design and construction industry areas that employ draftspersons. [Click here](#) to visit the CPP40115 Certificate IV in Building Design Drafting course description on our website.

If you would like to discuss some career options within the construction industry a bit further please give us a call on 02 9589 2342 and speak with Teresa or Vanessa.





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