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# BUYING A SHED FAQs

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Top ten things you need to consider before buying a shed.





# 1. PRICE VS QUALITY

## **A CHEAP SHED DOESN'T MEAN A GOOD SHED.**

Generally, if you were to buy a roof sheet with a 0.40mm thick total coated thickness (TCT), the base metal thickness (BMT) would only be 35mm.

This means that the roof sheet is 0.07mm thinner than what should be installed in normal domestic sheds.

Many people don't even realise the difference!

However, when the steel is that thin it is easily damaged and can't support the weight of a person.



## 2. TYPES OF SHEDS

### WHAT TYPE OF SHED ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Before you buy a shed it is important to know what type you are looking for.

The Two main types of shed designs are gable or skillion. Choose which design you want before getting a quote to ensure maximum quality!



## 3. SHEDSAFE™ ACCREDITED

**MAKE SURE THE COMPANY YOU  
BUILD WITH IS SHEDSAFE™  
ACCREDITED.**

If a company is listed as Shedsafe™ it means that it is above the industry benchmark for Australian manufactured steel sheds.

Without the company being listed as Shedsafe™ it is uncertain whether they will build or supply you with a quality shed.



# 4. SHED POSITIONING AND PURPOSE

## **WHY DO YOU WANT A SHED AND WHERE WILL IT GO?**

Decide where your shed will be on your property as it will affect what type you should buy.

A shed's position influences the size, type and colours you can use. You must be able to access your shed, so consider access points before buying.

Also consider the purpose of the shed. Is it an industrial shed or is it for personal use? This will influence the design and positioning.



# 5. COUNCIL APPROVAL

## **GET COUNCIL APPROVAL BEFORE BUILDING YOUR SHED.**

Some companies will get council approval for you before building the shed.

However, it is important to be aware of which companies will do that and which companies won't.

If the shed you are building is larger than 3 metres wide and 3 metres high, you will need council approval.

Also be sure to check out your local council rules!

# 6. LICENCES

## **IS THE COMPANY THAT YOU ARE BUILDING WITH LICENCED?**

Search for them on the Queensland Building and Construction Commission Website (QBCC) to determine whether they have a real licence.

You will also be able to see the licence full history and disciplinary record.

Check them out and make sure your company is credible.



# 7. WEATHER CONDITIONS

**MAKE SURE YOUR SHED CAN  
WITHSTAND THE AUSTRALIAN  
CLIMATE.**

Australian climates can be  
very harsh and vary  
depending on location.

Be sure to take your location  
and the weather into  
consideration when choosing  
what type of shed you would  
like.





# 8. DIY OR HIRE?

## **BE REALISTIC ABOUT YOUR DIY SKILLS.**

Although it may be cheaper to assemble your shed yourself, it may be more beneficial to hire a company.

Hiring experts can save a lot of time and hassle, compared to completing the project yourself.

Weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of DIY before deciding to have a go at it.



# 9. SHED STORAGE

## **HOW MUCH STORAGE SPACE WILL YOUR SHED NEED?**

Don't underestimate your storage needs when completing your shed.

Make a list of all tools and equipment you will need to store before deciding the size of your shed.

Also remember that the list is likely to grow.



# 10. SHED DESIGN

## **PERSONALISE YOUR SHED DESIGN.**

Make sure you know what design you want for your shed.

What type of doors do you want? Do you want windows?

What colour do you want?

Would you like to add an awning?

Consider these things before buying a shed.

