

Benefits of Standard Form Construction Contracts



In South Africa, standard form building contracts developed by the **JBCC**, **Master Builders South Africa (MBSA)**, and other industry bodies provide a reliable framework for successful project delivery and risk management.

- 01 Well-Understood Terms:** Widely used across the industry, ensuring terms are clearly understood by all parties involved.
- 02 Cost-Effective:** Eliminates the need for costly custom contracts drafted for individual tenders.
- 03 Fair Risk Allocation:** Implements balanced risk distribution between contracting parties based on proven standards.
- 04 Faster Contracting:** Reduces elongated negotiations since parties are already familiar with standard processes.
- 05 Dispute Resolution:** Clarifies pertinent items to reduce disputes while establishing clear alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.
- 06 Standardised Terminology:** Consistent language makes it easy for industry professionals to quickly become familiar with requirements.
- 07 Streamlined Administration:** Familiarity with standard forms simplifies overall project and contract management.
- 08 Consistency & Control:** Reduces scope for unauthorized deviations and ensures all contract changes are formally recorded.

NEED ADVISORY ASSISTANCE?

When in doubt whether a standard form contract is appropriate or which version to select, contact your nearest **Master Builders Association office**. Members are also encouraged to consult legal counsel for clause-specific queries.