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## **Licence cuts save time and money**

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NSW Businesses will save more than \$1 million a year with five unnecessary occupational licences scrapped, Regulatory Reform Minister Joe Tripodi announced today.

Mr Tripodi said the licences will be removed to allow for more streamlined work practises and will also assist the building industry and the National Housing Stimulus.

The Better Regulation Office will remove licensing requirements in the building sector on:

- floor finishers and coverers,
- kit home suppliers and
- property inspectors.

Other scrapped licences are for lift mechanics and optical dispensers and a further two licences for entertainment industry agents and venue consultants will be removed once the *Entertainment Industry Act* has been reviewed to ensure consumer protections are operating efficiently.

Mr Tripodi said the \$1 million a year will be saved in compliance costs by not having to apply for, renew or fulfil conditions of these licences.

“In the current economic climate, it is more important than ever to remove any unnecessary costs to business,” Mr Tripodi said.

“Business will be spared licence application and renewal fees, course fees, and time spent obtaining Home Warranty Insurance.

“Removing these seven licences will also make it easier for skilled people to work freely across the country, which has enormous benefits for the economy.”

“Consumers will not be at risk with these new changes. We are removing licences which have little or no benefit to consumers compared to significant costs imposed on businesses and tradespeople,” Mr Tripodi said.

“The NSW Government is not into slash-and-burn regulatory reform. Where there is a clear need for occupational licensing in NSW to protect consumers and enhance industry standards, it is being retained,” Mr Tripodi said.

The final *Report on the Licensing of Selected Occupations in NSW* is available at [www.betterregulation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.betterregulation.nsw.gov.au)

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