

14. Other structures

This section includes photovoltaic solar panel arrays in both urban and rural zones, outdoor fireplaces or ovens, temporary storage stacks and plinths.

The table below shows the exemptions included in this section and the professional you will need to hire.

Description*		Is an authorised professional legally required?	Who can provide professional advice?
14.1	Ground-mounted solar panel arrays	No	Electrician or Chartered Professional Engineer
14.2	Ground-mounted solar panel between 20 and 40 sqm in size (outside rural zones)	Yes	Electrician or Chartered Professional Engineer
14.3	Permanent outdoor fireplaces and ovens	No	Licensed Building Practitioner or Chartered Professional Engineer or Plumber or Gasfitter
14.4	Temporary storage stacks	No	Licensed Building Practitioner or Chartered Professional Engineer
14.5	Plinths	Yes	Chartered Professional Engineer

*Owners must look at the relevant section of guidance to identify under which detailed conditions the building work qualifies for the exemption.

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