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Is the product you choose APAS Approved?

The Australian Paint Approval Scheme (APAS) is a voluntary 3rd party surface coating material (and associated product) conformity assessment and product prequalification Scheme. Manufacturers who participate in this Scheme invest significant time, effort, and funds to ensure that their manufacturing facilities and products meet the stringent requirements of the Scheme, giving their product end users the added confidence of knowing all rigorous actions have been taken to produce robust and quality products.

Ensuring APAS Approval

It is important that when purchasing product for use that the product you buy is fit-for-purpose, produced in an approved APAS Recognised Manufacturing Unit, and has the added confidence of APAS approval. Evidence of approval can be found on the packaging itself, in the form of a Certificate of Product Conformity from the manufacturer or the details of current and valid certification are easily locatable.

Where can this information be found?

Confirming a product has current and valid APAS certification can be done in several ways. It is strongly suggested that if APAS certification is unclear, that one or more of the options below are used to confirm the certification status of a product:

- Only a Recognised Manufacturing Unit (RMU) and/or a Recognised Reseller (RR) of an RMU can apply for and receive product certification. To understand what is involved for a company to become an RMU, refer to APAS document [AP-D177](#). To view the current list of RMUs and RRs, refer to APAS document [AP-D152](#).
- For all CLASS I certified products, RMUs and RRs can choose to display the APAS Mark. The rules governing the use of the APAS logo and mark are found in APAS document [AP-D197](#). The mark indicates that the product has APAS approval and indicates to which specification(s) it has approval to. The APAS mark can be either green or black and will have a statement below it, indicating the specification(s) it conforms to.



Image 1: An example of an APAS mark referring to specification subclasses of certification.



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- Request a copy of a **current and valid** Certificate of Product Conformity (CoPC) from the manufacturer. Each CoPC states: the manufacturer, the product, its product code and description, a unique APAS identification number, the specification(s) and its version number it has been certified to, the certification class, the RMU manufacturing site(s) specific for the product and a unique certificate number.

This CoPC identifies that the product has been assessed and met all the criteria for certification to an [APAS specification\(s\)](#) (including a the specification version number), and to the rules governing the APAS Product Certification Scheme, document [AP-D192](#).



Image 2: A fictitious example of a Certificate of Product Conformity.

- Current and valid product approval can be searched in real time online via the [APAS website](#) on the [Certified APAS Products](#) List. This list is downloadable and fully searchable by APAS ID, product name, product code, manufacturer, product class and APAS specification.

For further information on the validity of a product or APAS approval, please contact the Executive Officer, Trudy Lennon-Bowers via phone +61 3 9545 2164 or +61 427 486 038, email trudy.lennon-bowers@csiro.au or via the [Contact Us](#) page on the website.

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