

## ABIC Victoria Contracts: A Quick View

ABIC contracts are for building projects to be administered by the architect. This article gives a brief overview of the common types of ABIC contracts in Victoria.

### ABIC Contracts at a Glance

ABIC Contracts are created for building projects where the Architect will be the administrator of the contract.

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### Types of ABIC Contracts

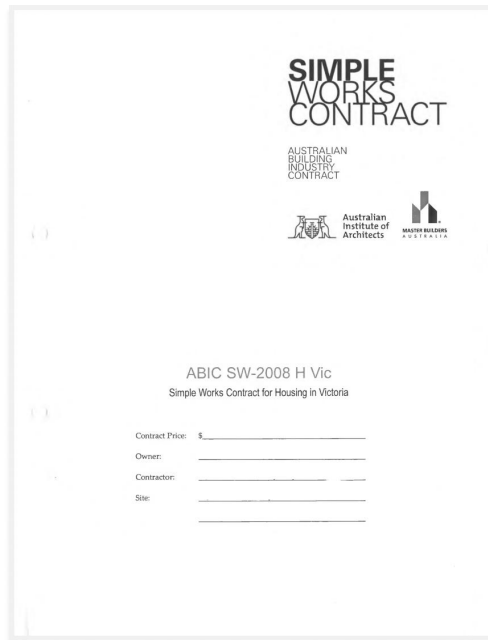
The most common types of Architectural Contracts issued by the ABIC are:

- Major Works - Commercial
- Simple Works - Commercial
- Major Works - Domestic
- Simple Works - Domestic
- Commercial costs plus contracts
- Early works contracts
- Basic works contracts

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## Simple Works - Domestic



For the most part, the Simple Works is commonly used, even if it lacks some of the features found in the Major Works contract. It nonetheless covers all the bases. All the provisions required for the Architect to address the issues below are present in the Simple Works contract, including for domestic building projects:

- How to administer the ABIC Contract
- ABIC Contract dispute
- ABIC Contract dispute resolution
- Assess a Progress Claim under ABIC Contract

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## ABIC SW Important Clauses

Schedule 1	Contract information
Schedule 2	Special conditions
Schedule 3	Order of precedence of contract documents
Schedule 4	Site information
Schedule 5	Forms of guarantee
Schedule 6	Provisional sums
Schedule 7	Prime cost sums
Schedule 8	Items to be supplied by the owner
Section A	Overview
Section B	Documents
Section C	Security
Section D	Liability
Section E	Insurance
Section F	The site

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Section F	The site
Section G	Building the works
Section H	Claims to adjust the contract
Section J	Variation to the works
Section K	Adjustment of provisional and prime cost sums
Section L	Adjustment of time
Section M	Completion of the works
Section N	Payment for the works
Section P	Dispute resolution
Section Q	Termination of engagement
Section R & S	Miscellaneous and Definitions

In addition to the above, ABIC simple works contracts contain the following:

- Introduction
- Contract Versions
- Flowcharts
- Time limits in the contract
- List of forms

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## How We Can Help

Construction Lawyer Melbourne can help you Review your ABIC Contract, and dispense the relevant advice, so that you can be able to administer your contract well.

Should you have further question, feel free to reach out to us. Architects get a free first consult.

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