





What Should You Look for in a Conveyancer

A specialist in their craft, registered in all the right places.

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Beware of conveyancing "on the side"

The most important thing for you to bear in mind when looking for a conveyancer is to insist on a firm with dedicated specialists in the craft of conveyancing, instead of an organisation that offers the service "on the side". The Office of Business Services should register your conveyancer to practice as a conveyancer... this means they are legally licensed as Registered Conveyancers and required to carry compulsory Professional Indemnity insurance.

Check for membership of industry associations

In particular, you should look for a conveyancer who is a member of the Australian Institute of Conveyancers, the official national industry body representing the conveyancing profession. The quality and capability of the conveyancing service members can deliver directly benefits from the Institute's program of initiatives, which are specially designed to enhance the profession's skills.

The Australian Institute of Conveyancers also:

- awards its members official accreditations for continual professional development; and
- binds all its members to a strict, customer-centric Code of Conduct.

Get a conveyancer who asks questions

A good sign of a great conveyancer is how many questions they ask when you first speak to them. For the very best conveyancing experience, the professional you choose should show the same enthusiasm as a business partner would, asking for precise details about the project and what you want to achieve. If a conveyancer is curious from the outset, it's a strong indication that they have the expertise to guide you through the process and protect you at every turn.



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