

DECKING CHECKLIST



PLANNING

- ☐ [Choose](#) between hardwood, softwood, composite or metal decking
- ☐ [Confirm](#) the deck height and distance to boundary comply with local regulations
- ☐ [Check](#) whether a building permit is required

DESIGN

- ☐ Design footings, bearers and joists in accordance with AS 1684 or engineer specs
- ☐ Ensure ventilation beneath the deck to reduce moisture
- ☐ Include handrails and balustrades for decks above 1m

INSTALLATION

- ☐ Use galvanised or stainless-steel fixings to prevent corrosion
- ☐ Space boards to allow for expansion and drainage
- ☐ Coat timber with an oil or sealer after installation

MAINTENANCE

- ☐ [Clean](#) and reseal timber annually
- ☐ [Inspect](#) for rot, rust or termite damage
- ☐ Replace loose or damaged boards as needed

