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Question:

Are there prescriptive requirements for the attachment of fibre-cement cladding in Section 9.27?

Interpretation:

No.

Section 9.27. includes a reference to 'fibre-cement shingles, planks and sheets', but there are no prescriptive requirements for the attachment in Sentence 9.27.1.1.(1).

Sentence 9.27.1.1.(1) notes that cladding types mentioned shall comply with Subsections 9.27.2. to 9.27.12., or Part 5, but there is no specific reference to fibre-cement products in those references.

Due to the increased weight of the fibre-cement products, installers should refer to the written manufacturer's installation instructions which must be based on test results to the relevant standards.

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