

Requirements for the use of Site Cut Lumber



In accordance with the BC Building Code lumber used in the construction of buildings and structures, for example, joists, rafters, trusses, beams, and wall studs shall be identified by a grade stamp to indicate its grade as determined by the National Grades Lumber Authority (NLGA) Standard Grading Rules for Canadian Lumber.

There are two acceptable approaches that can be taken to show compliance for the use of site cut lumber produced on a portable mill within the RDN:

1. Every piece of site cut structural lumber must be identified by a Canadian Lumber Standards Accredited Board (CLSAB) approved grade stamp. The site cut lumber must be graded by an inspector from a CLSAB Accredited Agency who will put their stamp on the lumber (<https://www.clsab.ca/clsab-accredited-agencies/>), or
2. A BC Structural Engineer will be responsible for the approval of the site cut lumber and structural aspects of the building or structure. The Structural Engineer will provide sealed engineered drawings complete with Letters of Assurance identifying their responsibilities which must be submitted at the time of building permit application.

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