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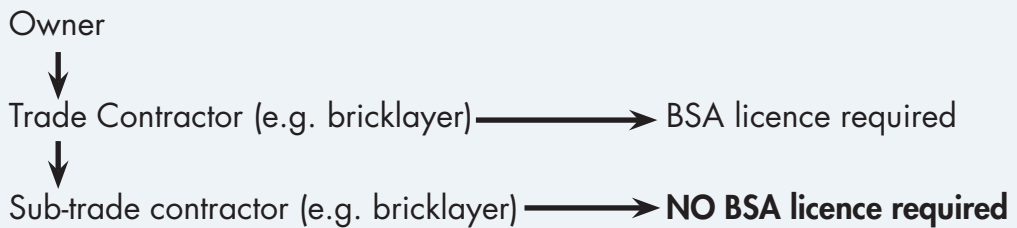
SUB-TRADE CONTRACTORS

Sub-trade contractors who only contract to appropriately licensed trade contractors and who never contract with a builder or an owner do not need to hold a BSA licence except for fire protection work.

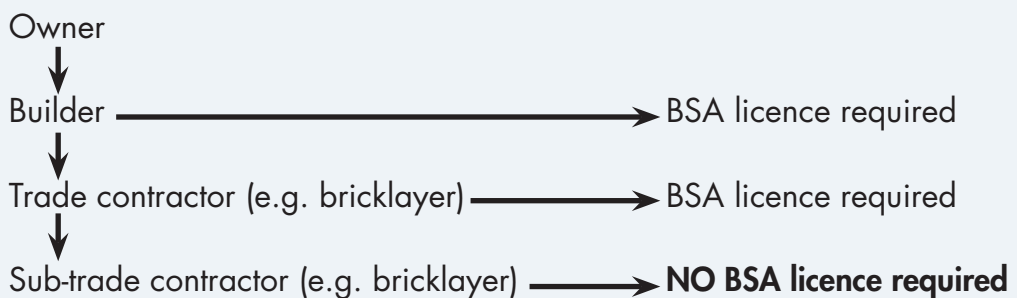
For example, a bricklayer working in a gang for a licensed bricklayer will not be prosecuted for unlicensed contracting as there is no contractual relationship with an owner or a builder. Sub-trade contractors should be aware, however, that they may need to hold an occupational licence. e.g. plumbing, gas fitting, and fire protection work.

The following contract chains illustrate this:

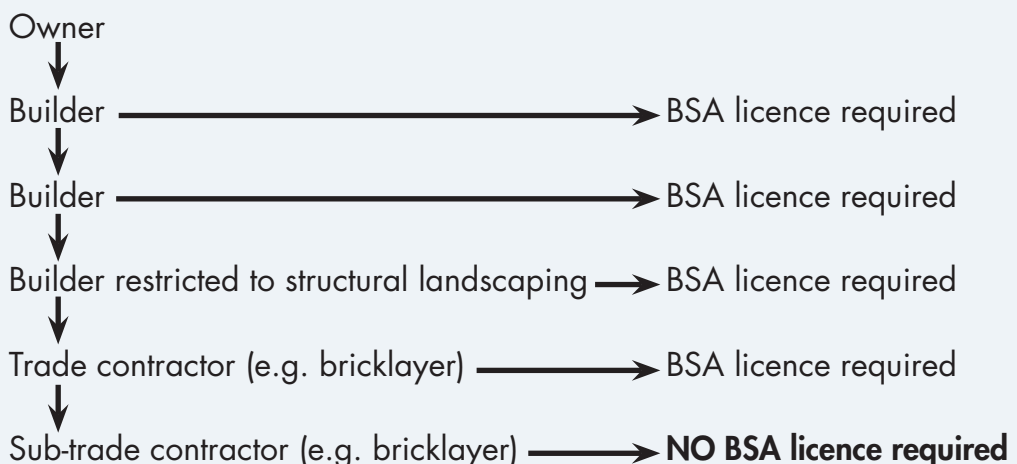
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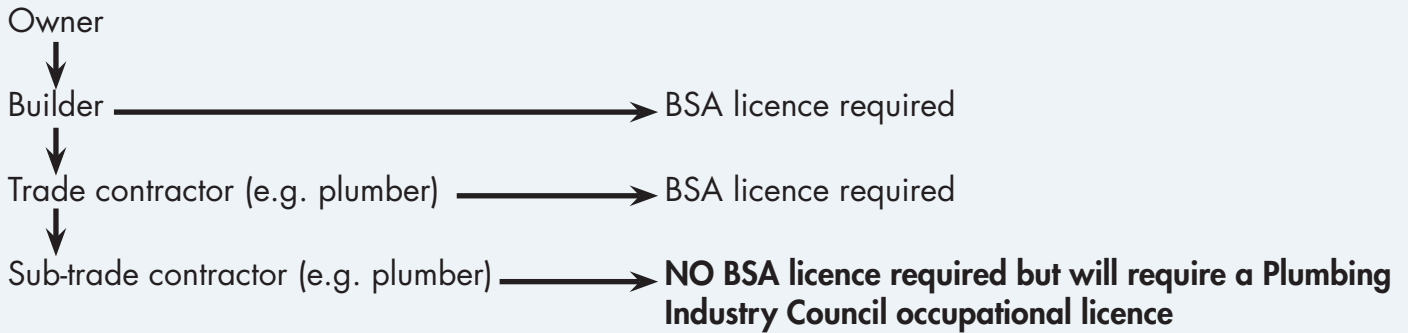
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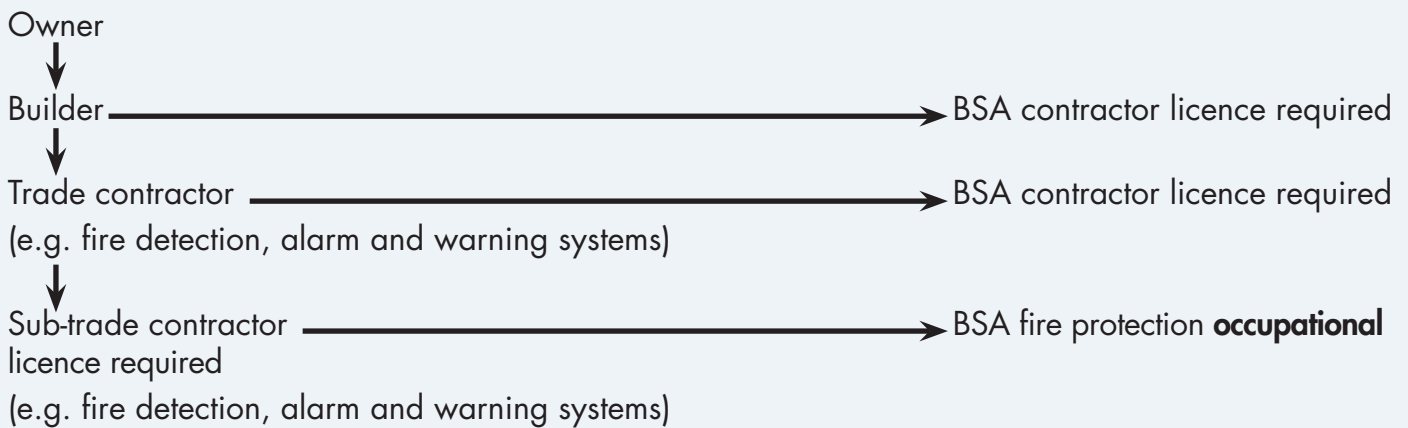
Example 3



Example 4



Example 5



NOTE: Even if only 1% of your business is contracting with a builder or the public, you are still required to hold a BSA licence.

If you do not presently contract with a Builder or the public, BSA strongly recommends you retain your licence as you may wish to perform work for a Builder or the public in the future. If you let your licence lapse you will not be able to have it reinstated, you will be required to apply for a licence again and meet all of the current licensing requirements.

Further information

For further information about sub-trade contracting or any other licence-related issue, contact BSA on 1300 BSA BSA (1300 272 272) or visit www.bsa.qld.gov.au.