

# Australian College of Environmental Studies AGREEMENT



Name of client instigating the assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of assessment: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm (maybe less depending on the day)

Do you **RENT** or **OWN** the premises? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for allowing our students to assess your home as part of their training. The **Australian College of Environmental Studies** is a registered training organisation (21740) that teaches the only nationally accredited Mould Testing course in Australia. They require homes for their students to assess to gain the practical skills as part of their training. This involves having up to 12 students in your home for a day which is supervised by an experienced and qualified building biologist trainer.

## BENEFITS TO YOU

1. *There are no costs involved* in getting your home assessed and ACES will cover all costs involved including laboratory costs (up to \$2000).
2. You will receive a *student report* that has been approved by a Building Biologist trainer at ACES which will be emailed to you within 10 weeks from the day of the assessment.

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

For the assessment of your home to go ahead, we require:

1. Copies of the floorplan of the home for each student (site plan also recommended but not compulsory). We'll confirm the exact number prior to the day of the assessment.
2. Undertake an online (zoom) call with the Building Biology trainer to take an *environmental exposure history* prior to assessing the home. This will be recorded for students who will be participating in the field training to watch.
3. Provide a written testimonial upon completion (after received the report)
4. For *at least 48 hours before the day of the assessment*, you will ensure with regards to the premises that:
  - All windows and doors will be closed
  - All air purifiers, dehumidifiers and humidifiers will be turned off
  - Do not dust or vacuum
  - Do not mulch or do any gardening that week
  - Do not drycleaning or steam clean carpets or furnishings
  - Have not painted the home in the past month

## CONDITIONS

All adult occupants in the home must provide written consent to the following:



1. Provide permission to enable ACES and its students to access the entire property (ie each room in the house, subfloor and roof void (where access is available));
2. Permission to use the information gathered from the assessment (photos, exposure history, moisture readings, lab findings etc) to be used as a case study for future classes and/or conferences and/or marketing purposes. Note all occupants and the address location will be deidentified;
3. Have read and understood the conditions in the disclaimer (below);
4. Understand the student report cannot be used for legal cases or to get a third party to act;
5. Understand if after receiving the report, you wish to discuss the findings with the Building Biologist trainer who supervised the training, the rate is \$150 per 30 minutes.

## DISCLAIMER

This disclaimer sets out the scope of the Services and the liability of the Australian College of Environmental Studies (ACES) including its directors, employees, agents, contractors and students when performing the Services. By undertaking the Services, the client agrees to this disclaimer: (a) Under the guidance of an experienced Building Biologist trainer, students will endeavour to identify and investigate moisture ingress and fungal particulate in the client's premises. ACES does not guarantee students will identify all sources of moisture ingress and/or fungal particulate such as that hidden in the building envelope, and does not guarantee that any health hazard identified will be the source of the client's symptoms. The student report provided will recommend solutions to the client; however, ACES does not guarantee that these solutions will solve or fix the client's symptoms. The client acknowledges and agrees that they rely on the solutions and recommendations described in the student's report at their own risk. (b) The student report may recommend products from third party suppliers. The client acknowledges and agrees that ACES or its students are not responsible for these products and has no control over or rights in them. ACES does not guarantee that these products will solve or fix any identified health hazards or the client's symptoms. (c) As part of the ACES' Services, the students and Building Biology trainer may conduct sampling or testing of the premises (Tests). The client acknowledges that the results of these Tests represent the conditions and health hazards of the premises at the time the Tests are conducted. The client acknowledges and agrees that the Tests may not diagnose and reflect the health hazards of the premises that arise in the future or health hazards which were not present on the day the Tests were conducted. (d) ACES and its students will not conduct destructive sampling (ie remove plaster, timber or other materials to access hidden cavities) and therefore will not be responsible for any hidden mould which is subsequently identified in future testing and therefore any recommendations and solutions provided in the student report may not be an accurate reflection of the health hazards in the premises. ACES makes no promise or guarantee and is not responsible for loss or damage to the premises arising out of or relating to access to the site and/or performance of the Services. (e) The client acknowledges and agrees that any recommendations or solutions provided in the student report in relation to the premises' must be approved by a licensed builder, designer, architect or other licensed or registered professional (such as IICRC mould remediation technician). ACES in no way warrants that its recommendations comply with the standards under the National Construction Code, the Building Code of Australia or any other relevant building or construction code or regulation. (f) The client acknowledges and agrees that the student's role is not to provide health care or health or medical services; or to diagnose, treat or cure any disease, condition or other physical or mental ailment of the human body.

The client acknowledges that the student is not acting in the capacity of a doctor, psychologist or other licensed or registered professional, and that any advice that is given in the report is not meant to take the place of advice by these professionals. Before relying on the student's recommendations, you should seek medical advice to evaluate any risks associated with their recommendations. By not seeking such advice, you accept the risk that the student's recommendations may not be right for you.



Each occupant that signs has read this agreement and understood its content.

Name of Occupant	Signed	Date

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