

DESIGN CODES AND CHECKS: QUICK REFERENCE

For designers, builders, certifiers and owners who check a design against planning and building rules. 4 lessons, 17 min. Full steps and pictures: getplotlay.com/learn/design-codes/

#	LESSON	HOW
1	CHOOSE THE DESIGN CODES FOR A PROJECT 4 min	Address in Site details > Design codes > Use the codes for your state > untick packs that don't apply > fill the project facts.
2	RUN A CHECK AND READ THE RESULTS 4 min	Site > Compliance . Reference only: verify before relying on it. UNKNOWN is not a pass; fill facts, check again > Make the summary PDF .
3	MAKE YOUR OWN TEMPLATE WITH TOLERANCES 5 min	Design codes > Make your own template > fill Value , Tolerance , Warn within , Applies to > Save , then Save to library .
4	IMPORT A RULE PACK AND REVIEW AGENT RULES 4 min	Design codes > Import a pack (file or paste). Agent rules show as needing review: open Rules , check each against its source, Confirm .

Words: **Level:** A floor of the building, such as ground or upper. Each room, drawing and item sits on one level, and the plan shows one level at a time. **Design code:** A set of planning or building rules for a place, such as a state's planning code, built into Plotlay as a pack of checks. Choose the codes that apply to each project. **PASS, WARN, FAIL and UNKNOWN:** The results of a check. UNKNOWN is not a pass: Plotlay is missing a measurement or a fact to tell, and the note says which. **Tolerance:** How far a value may miss a rule's limit and still show WARN rather than FAIL: a 6000 mm setback with a 200 mm tolerance accepts 5800 mm as WARN. A warn band does the reverse for a pass close to the limit. **Library:** The shelves of real-sized things you can place: furniture, fit-out, appliances, plants, site items. Drag from the Library tab or search for it. **Template (your own rules):** A rule pack you make yourself, such as an estate's design guidelines or a builder's standards, with your own limits and tolerances. Save it to your library to use again.