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BUILDING TIMBERS  
AND SPECIFICATIONS  
FOR THEIR USE**

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## FOREWORD.

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*This official Pamphlet was first issued in June, 1939, by the Sub-Department of Forestry with the object of providing detailed information which would promote greater service efficiency, and encourage the use of a wider range of North Queensland timbers suitable for building purposes.*

*The outbreak of World War II. a few months later, resulted in a very large demand for North Queensland timbers of all classes, and this Pamphlet became the recognised building specification of the Ministry of Munitions and armed Services for the duration of the conflict. As a result of the numerous requests for the Pamphlet, the original issue was exhausted by 1947 and a new edition is now necessary.*

*The post-war demand for homes has intensified the search by the Forest Service for suitable building timbers in Northern forests and additional timbers now recommended are included in this revised and expanded paper. The principal building members are listed in a logical sequence and suitable timbers recommended for each purpose may be found under each section, or by reference to the "Index to Timbers and Uses."*

*A concise description of the relative values of each timber, under the essential qualities of durability, strength, colour, hardness and weight, is given in a special "Quality Table," from which suitable timbers can be chosen for any building use. In order that the considerable volume of available sapwood may be safely used in buildings, architects and builders are advised to carefully study the provisions of "The Timber Users' Protection Act of 1949."*

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