

Whether you are expanding your existing shed or purchasing a new one, it's a long term investment. There are a few important factors to consider and understanding how they influence your purchase will ensure you pick the shed that best suits your needs.

## What is the purpose of your shed?

It seems like the obvious question, but you'd be surprised by how many people purchase a shed without considering their storage needs.

For example, if you're intending to use your shed mainly for storage, you'll need to consider access – how easy it is to get things in and out – so that might suggest a wider door or double doors.

## Do you need a council permit?

There are some rules and regulations that are fairly standard but others vary significantly from state to state. Before committing to purchasing your shed it's recommended that you check with your local council to clarify if any permits are required.

## What type of shed is suitable for your region?

The needs of a coastal property will differ to those in a suburban area. So it's important that you're choosing a structure and finishings that will be able to tolerate the weather extremes of your region.

## How much are you willing to spend?

It's important to include other work that might be required as part of your shed purchase, including extra options and accessories, council approval, earthworks and assembly.

## Should you erect the shed yourself or hire a professional?

If you plan on erecting your shed yourself, you need to ensure that your chosen product is structurally well designed and easy to install. If you need a hand, your shed company should be able to put you in touch with highly experienced teams ready to help you erect your shed.