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## Florida Product Approvals (PA's) & Notices of Acceptance (NOA's)

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The Florida Product Approval System was implemented by the Florida Building Commission in 2003 in accordance with Florida law. Products covered by the system are those that affect the structural integrity of buildings during hurricanes. The categories of products include:

- Exterior Doors
- Panel Walls/Soffits
- Roofing Materials
- Shutters
- Skylights
- Structural Components
- Windows

Product Approvals (PA's) and Notices of Acceptance (NOA's) are critical parts of permit applications. They are documents provided by the manufacturer of a construction product that demonstrates a product is approved for use in Florida when installed in specific conditions and using specific methods.

For Charlotte County, **provide only the specific Product Approval number, INCLUDING the number after the decimal point**, as part of the permit application package. Applicants should ensure that the Product Approval to be used is for the site conditions (wind speed, exposure, flood zone, etc.) and that the product will be installed as detailed in the approval document. Plans examiners will print and stamp two (2) copies of the Product Approval document. One copy will be kept for the official record and one will be provided to the applicant to make available at the job site so that inspectors can verify compliance with the Product Approval and installation instructions. If the installation instructions are not followed, the inspection will be failed with a reinspection fee assessed (let alone the possible invalidation of any product warranty).

There may be times when the product one wants to use does not have a Product Approval for the location or the way one wants to use it. In this case, site-specific engineering must be submitted for approval. The engineering documents must have the original seal and signature of the design professional. If the design professional for the site-specific engineering is not the same as the design professional for the structure, proof of approval of the site-specific engineering must be provided also from the design professional of the structure. This ensures compliance with the design of the structure.

Product Approvals can be researched at two (2) websites as follows: [www.floridabuilding.org/pr/pr\\_app\\_srch.aspx](http://www.floridabuilding.org/pr/pr_app_srch.aspx) (FL #'s) or [www.miamidade.gov/building/pc-search\\_app.asp](http://www.miamidade.gov/building/pc-search_app.asp) (NOA #'s).

For more information about Florida Product Approvals, please call 941.743.1201 and ask to speak to a plans examiner or email [BuildingConstruction@CharlotteCountyFL.gov](mailto:BuildingConstruction@CharlotteCountyFL.gov).

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