

The Brisbane Homeowner's Guide to Hiring a Painter

What Every Homeowner Should Know Before Accepting a Painting Quote

Welcome

Dear Valued Client,

Thank you for booking your on-site painting quote.

Choosing a painter can feel overwhelming, especially when quotes vary significantly in price. While cost is naturally an important consideration, the quality of a painting project depends on many factors that aren't always obvious when comparing quotations.

We've prepared this guide to help you understand what separates a quality painting contractor from the rest, the questions worth asking, and how to confidently compare quotations.

We believe informed homeowners make better decisions. Whether you choose YB Painting or another contractor, we hope this guide helps you ask the right questions and choose a painter you'll feel confident working with.

Why Choosing the Right Painter Matters

Painting is often one of the most visible improvements you can make to a home. A quality paint job enhances appearance, protects building materials from the elements, and helps maintain the value of your property for years to come.

In South East Queensland, paint systems are subjected to harsh UV exposure, high humidity, heavy rainfall and seasonal storms. These conditions mean that product selection, surface preparation and workmanship all have a significant impact on how long a finish will last.

While many paint jobs can look similar on the day they're completed, the difference often becomes apparent several years later.

Choosing a professional painter isn't simply about achieving a beautiful finish today—it's about ensuring that finish continues to perform well into the future.



What Separates Great Painters from the Rest

Experience & Local Knowledge

Experienced painters understand how different surfaces behave over time and can recommend paint systems appropriate for your home's construction, age and environmental conditions.

Thorough Surface Preparation

Preparation is the foundation of every quality paint job. Preparation may include washing, scraping, sanding, filling, caulking, spot priming and full priming where required.

Quality Products

Professional painters recommend products based on the surface and environment and should explain why.

Clear Communication

Look for punctuality, realistic timeframes, tidy work practices and willingness to answer questions.

Confidence in Their Work

Ask what warranty is provided, what it covers and how post-completion concerns are handled.

Seven Questions to Ask Every Painter

1. Are you licensed and fully insured?
2. Can I see examples of your recent work?
3. What preparation is included?
4. How many coats are included, including priming?
5. What paint system will be used?
6. What warranty do you provide?
7. Is there anything not included?

How to Compare Painting Quotes

Compare quotations based on preparation, products, number of coats, scope of work, timeframe, warranty, exclusions and total value—not simply price. Ensure you are comparing like-for-like.

Red Flags to Watch For

- Quotes significantly lower than others without explanation.
- Very little detail.



- No proof of insurance.
- No written warranty.
- Pressure to decide immediately.
- Unusually large upfront payments.
- Unwillingness to answer questions.

What to Expect During Your On-Site Quote

A professional painter should understand your goals, inspect surfaces, identify repairs, discuss paint systems, answer questions, explain the scope of works and provide a detailed written quotation.

Final Thoughts

Choosing a painter is an important decision. Taking the time to compare quotations carefully and ask the right questions will help you achieve the best possible outcome.

Thank you for taking the time to read this guide.

Warm regards,

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