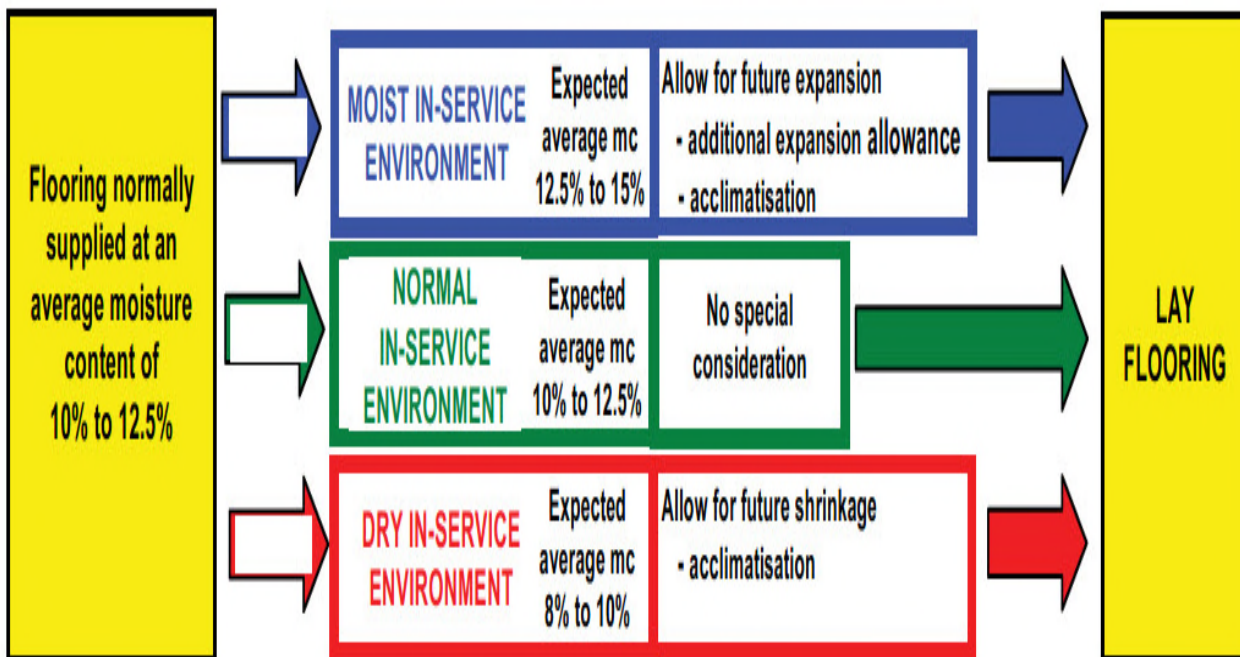


## Installation moisture content and acclimatisation

Acclimatisation of floorboards prior to installation is not necessary when the average supplied moisture content of the flooring is near the expected average in-service moisture content. Unnecessary acclimatisation can cause problems especially if the floorboards are acclimatised to a building site environment that is somewhat different from the expected in-service environment. This chart provides a guide as to when acclimatisation should be considered.



## Successful acclimatisation relies on a number of factors

- Determining the expected in-service EMC's within the dwelling.
- Ensuring acclimatisation is to the desired in-service moisture content rather than to the EMC of the building site environment.
- Estimating the moisture content of the flooring prior to installation. This requires the proper use of resistance moisture meters as outlined in ATFA Information Sheet 8 – Resistance Moisture Meters. Species corrections for common flooring species is contained in that information sheet and corrections figures for other species may be found in AS 1080.1.