BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYTHING

Questions to ask anyone quoting your asphalt job

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We put this together because a driveway or carpark is a big spend, and you should get the best job out of it, whoever ends up doing it. Tick off these questions with every quote you get. Ours included. A good contractor will be happy to answer all of them.

1 ☐ **What are you doing with the base underneath?**

Good answer: they talk about digging out and compacting crushed rock to a set depth, and how water drains away. Most asphalt that fails early fails because of the base, not the asphalt. If nobody mentions the base, they have not really looked at your job.

2 ☐ **Is this hot mix, or a cold-lay patch?**

Good answer: for a driveway or a proper repair you want hot mix laid and rolled while it is hot. Cold-lay out of a bag is a quick fix that comes apart again. Make sure you are comparing the same product across your quotes.

3 ☐ **Can I get the price in writing, with what is and isn't included?**

Good answer: a written quote that lists the depth of asphalt, the base work, and anything left out. A one-line number over the phone tells you nothing. Be wary of anyone pushing you to decide today.

4 ☐ **Who actually turns up to do the work?**

Good answer: the person who quoted runs the crew, or at least it is their own people on site. Plenty of jobs get handed to whatever subbie is free that week. Ask who will be on the tools on the day.

5 ☐ **Are you licensed and insured, and can I see it?**

Good answer: a current licence, public liability insurance, and an ABN, handed over without any fuss. If anything goes wrong, this is who you call. No paperwork is a real red flag.

6 ☐ **Can I see a few local jobs you've done?**

Good answer: they can point you to driveways or carparks nearby you can drive past, and reviews that mention how the job held up a year on, not just how it looked on the day.

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