



Safety and quality

We want New Zealand to have safe, healthy, durable homes and buildings.

We need buildings that are fit for purpose and comply with the relevant building standards and requirements. To achieve this, we develop fit-for-purpose regulation that ensures public safety and good quality homes and buildings.

[Consistent seismic assessment of existing buildings](#)

Leading practitioners from the engineering profession will host six Training Seminars during October, to promote increased consistency of seismic assessments of existing buildings throughout New Zealand.

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[Statistics House Investigation](#)

Following the 2016 Kaikōura Earthquake, MBIE commissioned an expert Panel to investigate the factors that led to the partial floor collapse that occurred at Wellington's Statistics House during the earthquake.

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[Securing unreinforced masonry building parapets and facades](#)

On 28 February 2017 the government introduced a new requirement for owners of certain unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings to secure street-facing parapets and facades, in response to the 2016 Hurunui/Kaikōura earthquakes.

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[Accountability and liability within the sector](#)

Building sector participants should manage their own building and housing obligations.

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[Protection from fire](#)

MBIE provides policy and technical advice on New Zealand's building system, rules and standards, and implements building legislation and regulations. This includes the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) and its supporting documents, including Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods.

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[New system for managing earthquake-prone buildings](#)

From 1 July 2017 the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 (the Amendment Act) takes effect.

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[Disability Strategy and Action Plan](#)

In 2008, New Zealand ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The convention is implemented through the cross-government New Zealand Disability Strategy and its underlying New Zealand Disability Action Plan 2014–2018.

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[New pool safety legislation](#)

New pool safety legislation came into effect on 1 January 2017.

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[Lessons learnt from the Canterbury earthquakes](#)

As the building regulator, MBIE monitors current and emerging trends in the building sector, including the lessons to be learnt following the Canterbury earthquakes.

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[Built Environment Leaders Forum](#)

Applying lessons from Canterbury to improve management of risks from natural hazards

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