



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](#)

The performance of Wellington's Statistics House during the Kāikōura earthquake focused on the design, construction and land influences on the performance of the building.

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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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[Fire programme](#)

The Fire Programme is a review of the changes to the Building Code, Acceptable Solutions and Verification Method that came into force in April 2013 and were amended in July 2014.

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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 Access review](#)

The Disability Access review is a joint undertaking between the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and the Office for Disability Issues (ODI).

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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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