

Building Product Specifications First Edition Amendment 2

Consultation 14 August to 11 September 2026

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) would like your feedback on a draft amendment to the Building Product Specifications amendment 2, which can be viewed here:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32409-proposed-building-product-pecification-first-edition-amendment-2-pdf>

What is the Building Product Specifications?

The Building Product Specifications is a legislative instrument that incorporates product standards by reference and sets out other specifications for the use of some building products.

The Building Product Specifications is used in conjunction with acceptable solutions and verification methods. Having a separate instrument for product standards enables currently cited standards to be updated, and new standards to be added to these compliance pathways, more regularly.

Why is this being updated?

The first edition of the Building Product Specifications was issued in July 2025. Amendments are proposed to modify specifications and incorporate further product standards. Some of the product standards proposed to be cited were suggested by submitters during consultation on the first edition amendment 1.

How can the Building Product Specifications be used?

The Building Product Specifications cannot be used in isolation to demonstrate compliance with the Building Code. It can only be used to demonstrate compliance for a particular Building Code clause when referenced by an acceptable solution or verification method.

Products that comply with the Building Product Specifications must be accepted by Building Consent Authorities when the relevant section is cited by an acceptable solution or verification method. Products must be used as intended and within the scope of the relevant acceptable solution or verification method.

What is included in the Building Product Specifications?

The Building Product Specifications contains some product standards and specifications that were previously set out in acceptable solutions and verification methods. Where MBIE has determined that newer versions of standards can be cited or identified alternative standards that are broadly equivalent or better than current standards, these have been added to the Building Product Specifications.

Designers, builders and others can choose to specify products that meet these new standards in building consent applications, but there are no new or increased mandatory requirements. Standards and specifications currently referenced by acceptable solutions and verification methods will continue to be accepted, though they may now be set out in the Building Product Specifications.

What are we seeking feedback on?

A number of acceptable solution and verification method documents will be updated when the Building Product Specifications comes into effect.

Some examples of how these documents will be updated to reference the Building Product Specifications are shown below.

E2 Internal Moisture – Acceptable solution E2/AS1: Flashings (p.19)

Part 4 Flashings <i>No wording for mechanically attached flexible flashings</i>	4.2. Materials
Mechanically attached flexible window flashings in masonry veneer <i>Updated text to reference Building Product Specification</i>	4.2.12 Mechanically attached flexible window flashings in masonry veneer 4.2.13.1 Mechanically attached flexible flashing products complying with Subsection 4.6.1 of the Building Product Specifications may be used as head, jamb and sill flashings for windows and doors in masonry veneer cladding. 4.2.13.2 Mechanically attached flexible flashing products shall only be used in accordance with.
Building Product Specifications excerpt <i>(proposed)</i>	4.6.1 Mechanically attached flexible flashing products 4.6.1.1 Mechanically attached flexible flashing products used around the exterior perimeter of windows and external doors shall comply with AAMA 712-23.

B1 Structure – Acceptable Solution B1/VM1: Buildings and structures (p.12)

Part 3 Buildings and structures <i>No wording for steel prestressing materials for concrete</i>	3.1.2 Modifications to NZS 3101.1 for concrete structures
Steel prestressing materials for concrete <i>Updated text to reference Building Product Specification</i>	3.1.2.3 In NZS 3101.1, for steel prestressing materials for concrete the specification of steel prestressing materials shall comply with Subsection 3.2.1.3 of the Building Product Specifications.
Building Product Specifications excerpt <i>(proposed)</i>	3.2.1.3 Steel prestressing materials for concrete shall conform to one of the following standards: a) AS/NZS 4672.1:2007; or b) AS 4672:2025.

Modernising the format of acceptable solutions and verification methods?

As acceptable solutions and verification methods are updated to refer to the Building Product Specifications, MBIE will also update these documents to modernise the format and improve consistency across the compliance pathways. Many users of these documents will be familiar with this format, which was first introduced in 2021.

When will the Building Product Specifications come into effect?

Following consultation, MBIE will review submissions and use this feedback to finalise the First Edition Amendment 2 of the Building Product Specifications. This second amendment will be issued once feedback has been incorporated and finalised.

Note: A transition period is not required as the current requirements are not changing.

How to provide feedback

To make a submission on the draft Building Product Specifications, including to provide suggestions of standards for future editions, please:

- use the following online submission form: here <https://www.research.net/r/building-product-specifications-2026>, or
- complete the feedback form available here <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/32408-consultation-feedback-form-proposed-building-product-specification-first-edition-amendment-2-docx>

and send it to MBIE.

Please provide your feedback by **5pm 11 September 2026**

Queries

If you have any questions in relation to the Building Product Specifications, including this consultation, please contact Building System Performance at MBIE: building@mbie.govt.nz