

Standards – the right way to build



Follow good practice – with standards in place you ensure good practice and efficiency.



Competitive edge – build beyond the minimum standard for competitive edge.



Foster innovation – performance-based standards encourage innovative solutions.



Ease and efficiency – documented processes manage risk and support consistency, reliability and interoperability.



Establish trust and credibility – secure consumer confidence with assurance that buildings, installations and materials are reliable quality and safe to use.



Keep people safe and improve well-being – reduce accidents and injuries, ensure good quality care, and safe and reliable products and services.

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What does Standards New Zealand do?

As New Zealand's national standards body we:

- lead development of standards and standards-based solutions
- bring together relevant stakeholders to tailor consensus-based standards solutions that are practical, relevant, and widely recognised and supported
- sell and enable access to New Zealand, joint Australian/New Zealand, and international standards
- coordinate New Zealand's representation in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) committees.

Talk to us if you are interested in:

- developing a standard
- getting access to standards
- taking part in a standards development committee.

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Standards in building and construction

Improving standards
for a better New Zealand

Standards are at the core of construction

New Zealand's building and construction sector is critical to the country's economy and well-being. With a growing population, and evolving needs, there is strong demand for a high-quality, safe and sustainable built environment.

The sector needs standards. They help to ensure buildings and civil engineering works are safe and fit for purpose. They cover virtually every part and process of the construction project, from the soil it stands on right through to the roof. Many standards form part of the compliance requirements of the New Zealand Building Code.

Standards also support new technologies and innovations with solutions that factor in local and global challenges like demographic evolution, natural disasters and climate change.

Who benefits from building and construction standards?

Industry – By establishing agreed design and manufacturing specifications and processes, standards ensure consistency and reliability, and create confidence.

Regulators – Incorporating best-practice test methods, processes and harmonised terminology, standards form a technical basis for regulation and policy development.

Consumers – When standards are integrated throughout every aspect of a build – from design to completion – consumers have more confidence the buildings they live and work in are safe, efficient and durable.

Are you an industry expert?

Be at the forefront of standards development and revision, building networks and shaping best practice, as a participant on a standards development committee.

Over 120 essential standards have been sponsored for free access to all industry practitioners by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to ensure compliance with the Building Code.

