

BC Update 196: Consultation opens on earthquake-prone building regulations and methodology

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MBIE is seeking your views on proposals for regulations and a methodology that will support the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act when it comes into effect in 2017.



Consultation opened on 2 September 2016 and runs until 15 December 2016. The proposed regulations and methodology set the new approach for identifying and managing earthquake-prone buildings.

Regulations

MBIE is consulting on regulations in the following areas:

- defining the meaning of “ultimate capacity” to clarify the level of seismic performance required to help councils determine whether a building is earthquake-prone
- the criteria for the level of other building work that will trigger the need for early seismic strengthening to be carried out
- specifying the characteristics earthquake-prone buildings must have to be considered for exemptions from the requirement to undertake remedial work
- establishing an earthquake rating system that provides a measure of a building’s expected performance during an earthquake
- the appearance of public notices describing an earthquake-prone building’s level of seismic risk.

Methodology

The proposed earthquake-prone building methodology sets out how councils will identify earthquake-prone buildings. It also outlines the criteria for acceptable engineering assessments for earthquake-prone buildings.

Submissions

View the proposals and information on how to provide a submission on the [MBIE website \(http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/building-construction/consultations\)](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/info-services/building-construction/consultations)

Questions

Send any questions relating to clarification of the consultation process or the discussion documents to epb@mbie.govt.nz ([https://www.building.govt.nz/mailto:epb@mbie.govt.nz?subject=Consultation: Earthquake-prone building regulations and methodology](https://www.building.govt.nz/mailto:epb@mbie.govt.nz?subject=Consultation:Earthquake-prone%20building%20regulations%20and%20methodology))

