

MBIE funds over 120 building standards for free download

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To remove barriers to achieving compliance in the building system, over 120 building standards are now available for free download.

These have been funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to make it easier to comply with the Building Code.

Standards New Zealand, and MBIE as the building system regulator, are committed to improving access to building standards that make a difference to the wellbeing of New Zealanders.

The selected standards are ones that directly help demonstrate compliance with the Building Code, resulting in safe and well-constructed buildings and homes.

MBIE has acted on the concerns of building practitioners that the cost of standards can be a barrier to applying best practice. In December 2017, we made five prominent building standards and a handbook available free of charge, which attracted over 15,000 downloads in the last 18 months.

New Zealand is now one of the few countries in the world providing free access to building standards.

The available standards can be accessed through the [Standards New Zealand website \(https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards/\)](https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards/), and indirectly through [www.building.govt.nz \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/standards-and-other-referenced-publications/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/standards-and-other-referenced-publications/) and [www.codehub.building.govt.nz \(https://codehub.building.govt.nz/\)](https://codehub.building.govt.nz/)

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