

## Online tutorial for passive rockfall protection structures now available

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An online tutorial providing instruction on the design of passive rockfall protection structures is now available on the Institute of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ) website. Structures such as rockfall fences and embankments act to reduce the effects of falling rock on people and/or infrastructure.



The tutorial will be available free to all geotechnical professionals and is part of a wider geotechnical education programme. Continuing Professional Development points can be gained from watching the presentation and undertaking a quiz.

The tutorial is based on the rockfall guidance document MBIE has developed in collaboration with the New Zealand Geotechnical Society and the New Zealand Transport Agency, and is part of the broader guidance on geotechnical engineering MBIE has developed in response to issues arising from the Canterbury earthquake.

You can access the online tutorial on the [IPENZ website \(http://pd.ipenz.org.nz/courses/249-geotechnical-education\)](http://pd.ipenz.org.nz/courses/249-geotechnical-education)

[Rockfall: Design considerations for passive protection structures \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/rockfall-design-considerations-for-passive-protection-structures/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/rockfall-design-considerations-for-passive-protection-structures/) has the guidance.

[Geotechnical education \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/geotechnical-education/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/geotechnical-education/) has further information on the geotechnical education programme.