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It's hard to believe it is 2017 already. Following on from a busy 2016, this year looks set to be another bumper one for the industry.



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We have received a lot of positive feedback from licensed building practitioners (LBPs) on the information we provide in Codewords. It's great you're enjoying the articles – please let us know if there is a part of the scheme you would like us to concentrate on in the future.

The two LBP articles in this edition relate to what you need to know about supervision, as well as recent changes made to the competencies for external plastering, bricklaying and blocklaying and design. The majority of these changes are subtle technical or regulatory updates with one exception – external plastering. The proprietary plaster cladding system (PPCS) area of practice (AoP) has been amended to include the installation of a wider range of substrates (eg aerated concrete panel). Previously this AoP only related to exterior insulating finishing systems (EIFS) or lightweight fibre cement-based sheet or cladding systems.

In the last edition we updated you on skills maintenance and now a new LBP portal has been designed to help you easily manage your skills maintenance requirements online. If you have been notified that you have been phased into the new scheme you can log points and complete your quiz-related material online at www.lbp.govt.nz (<http://www.lbp.govt.nz>) – and don't forget your 'elective skills maintenance points' can be satisfied in part or wholly by reading other sections of Codewords, so enjoy all the great content.

Finally, the November 2016 earthquakes in the upper South and lower North Islands serve as a stark reminder of how important it is to design and build resilient Code-compliant buildings. Refining and improving our collective understanding of building performance is an ongoing challenge, which is all the more reason to maintain a relevant, current set of skills.



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