

## Rapid building assessment online courses launch

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Three new courses on conducting a rapid building assessment are now freely available online.

The rapid building assessment process is one part of the emergency management plan that territorial authorities may use as part of their response to any emergency.

building assessor inspecting interior of heavily damaged office building

The courses are for:

- chartered professional engineers (structural and geotechnical), senior building officials and senior architects who have completed face-to-face training offered through the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment; and
- chartered professional engineers (structural and geotechnical), building officials, senior architects and emergency support staff seeking introductory awareness training.

There are three courses currently available:

- *Introduction to rapid building assessment* is about the rapid building assessment process and the role of the assessor. The course takes about 30 minutes to complete.
- *Rapid building assessors in the field* looks at how to assess buildings and what it's like working as part of the assessment team. The course takes about 40 minutes to complete.
- *Tier 2 refresher* covers leading the assessment team and learning to optimise teamwork and cooperation. It also takes about 40 minutes to complete.

Anyone involved in managing buildings in an emergency will find these courses useful. Please note that completing these courses doesn't automatically qualify you to become a registered rapid building assessor.

Find the courses on [learning.building.govt.nz](http://learning.building.govt.nz) (<http://learning.building.govt.nz>)



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