

Building law reform update

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Over the last few months we've been meeting with industry to hear their thoughts on the law changes, and to make sure we're getting things right. Most recently, this has included a two-day workshop with building consent authorities.

In December, we announced that from 1 July 2020 the building levy rate will be reduced from \$2.01 to \$1.75 (including GST) for any building work that is over the \$20,444 threshold (including GST). This year we will have further updates on the occupational regulation of engineers, licensed building practitioners (LBPs) and plumbers, gasfitters and drainlayers (PGD). Government decisions about risk and liability are expected later this year.

2020 will bring more opportunities for engagement. The Minister of Building and Construction Hon Jenny Salesa is committed to introducing a Bill to Parliament this year, which will cover legislative changes in the areas of:

- building methods and products
- the building levy
- offences, penalties and public notification.

When this happens, there will be an opportunity for you to take part in the Select Committee process.

Further information

More information about the building law reform (<https://www.building.govt.nz/getting-started/building-law-reforms/>) is available on Building Performance website.

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