

# TERMINATION OF A DESIGNATION

\*For territorial authorities

Designations expire after three years unless extended or terminated sooner, which provides territorial authorities with sufficient time to manage buildings effectively throughout the recovery phase. A termination must be notified to the public as soon as practicable.

## Process for terminating a designation

### A designation of an area remains in force for three years unless terminated earlier or extended

A designation will terminate automatically after three years unless an application to extend it has been approved.

**Step 1:** If you are satisfied that the designation is no longer in the public interest, you may terminate the designated area. The termination of a designation may relate to the whole or a part of the designated area.

If the designation is due to expire after three years and after reviewing the designation of an area (that has not been previously extended), it is decided that a designation is still required for all or part of the area under designation, complete the [process to extend a designation](#).

**Step 2a:** If the designation is not extended, the designation will automatically terminate after three years. Update any publicly notified information on the designated area. This is the end of the process.

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**Step 2b:** If the designation is being terminated prior to the three year expiry or you are terminating the designation for part of a designated area only, complete the [Request to terminate the designation of an area for emergency management](#) form.

**Step 3:** The review and termination is carried out by the relevant territorial authority with approval of the Minister for Building and Construction (or by the Minister for Building and Construction if the designation was initiated by the Minister). Email the completed form, with supporting documentation to [buildingemergencymanagement@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:buildingemergencymanagement@mbie.govt.nz).

**Step 4:** The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) will review the designation termination request and recommend to the Minister for Building and Construction to approve or decline the request. MBIE will notify the requestor of the outcome.

**Step 5:** If the designation is terminated, this must be immediately publicly notified by publishing the information on a publicly accessible and free-to-access website or, if this is not possible, through other appropriate means. The notice must include details of the designated area, the emergency and the date/time the termination was made.