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Building (Post-event Assessment) Methodology 2026

This methodology is made under section 133BQ(2)(a) of the Building Act 2004 by David Hall, General Manager Building System Performance, at the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE), under the delegated authority of MBIE's Chief Executive.

This methodology specifies how post-event assessments under section 133BQ of the Act are to be prepared following an emergency event.

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1 Title

This is the Building (Post-event Assessment) Methodology 2026.

2 Commencement

This methodology comes into force on 7 October 2026.

3 Interpretation

In this methodology, unless the context otherwise requires,—

Act means the Building Act 2004.

approved assessment form means the post-event assessment form approved by the chief executive (if any) under section 133BQ(2)(b) of the Act.

assessor means the responsible person (including a person authorised by the responsible person to carry out post-event assessments under the Act).

Level 1 assessment means a post-event assessment that involves a visual inspection of damage to a building or land.

Level 2 assessment means a detailed post-event assessment that involves both external and internal inspection of a building (if safe to enter) or land.

placard means a sign or notice approved by the chief executive (if any) under 133BT(3)(a) of the Act to be placed by the responsible person on or near a building in a designated area prohibiting or restricting the use of the building if—

(a) the responsible person believes that it is reasonably necessary to remove or reduce risks of injury or death; or

(b) an evacuation of the building has been directed under section 133BR of the Act.

White placards are not issued under section 133BR of the Act as they do not prohibit or restrict the use of the building.

post-event assessment means a building assessment undertaken in a designated area by an assessor under section 133BQ of the Act.

Methodology

4 Preparing a post-event assessment operation

- (1) Assessors must comply with all health and safety directives outlined in Section 2.2 of the 2025 *Field Guide: Rapid Building Assessments – All event types*.
- (2) The person managing a post-event assessment operation must ensure the health and safety directives outlined in Section 8.4.1 of 2025 *Building emergency management – Guidance for decision-makers and territorial authorities* are implemented as part of the post-event assessment operation.

5 Conducting a post-event assessment

- (1) The post-event assessment process must be conducted in accordance with the framework outlined in Figure 1 to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances.

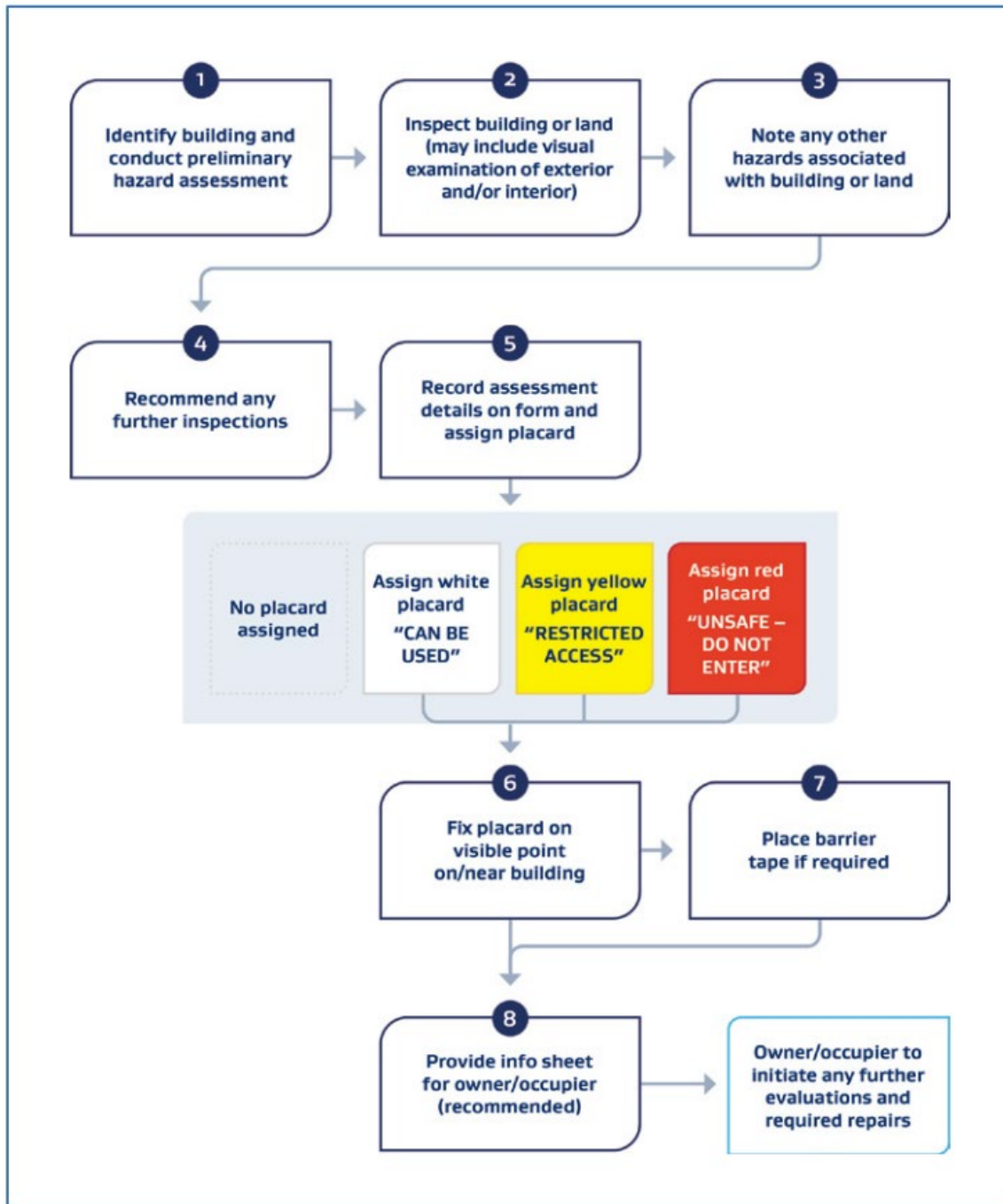


Figure 1: post-event assessment process

6 Level 1 post-event assessments

- (1) All Level 1 assessments should be carried out in accordance with the technical requirements outlined in section 5.2 of the *2025 Field Guide: Rapid Building Assessment – All event types* to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances.
- (2) Assessors must identify the building that is to be assessed and record the details on the approved assessment form (if any).

- (3) Each completed assessment form must be submitted to the responsible person on the completion of the day's assessments (to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances).

7 Level 2 post-event assessments

- (1) All Level 2 assessments should be carried out in accordance with the technical requirements outlined in section 5.3 of the *2025 Field Guide: Rapid Building Assessments – All event types* to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances.
- (2) Assessors must identify the building that is to be assessed and record the details on the approved assessment form (if any).
- (3) Each completed assessment form must be submitted to the responsible person on the completion of the day's assessments (to the extent that is practicable in the circumstances).

Made at Wellington on 7 October 2026.

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Explanatory note

This methodology, which comes into force on 7 October 2026, is made under section 133BQ(2)(a) of the Building Act 2004 (the Act). This methodology specifies how post-event assessments under section 133BQ of the Act are to be prepared following an emergency event.

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