

## A3 Building importance levels

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### Sets levels to describe risk and structure factors for the purposes of clauses C1 – C6 Protection from fire.

A building is given an importance level (1-5) determined by risk to human life, the environment, economic cost and other risk factors in relation to its use.

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#### Clause A3 — Building importance levels of the Building Code.

Read Clause A3

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/1992/0150/1atest/DLM162576.html#DLM4417717>

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## Updates

### MBIE to consult twice yearly on changes to the Building Code System

10 AUGUST 2018

MBIE will now consult twice yearly to ensure Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods are up to date.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-237/>

### Consultation on amending Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods 2018

8 AUGUST 2018

We want your feedback by 21 September on proposals to amend Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/>

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## Related Determinations

Determinations are made by MBIE on matters of doubt or dispute to do with building work. Rulings are legally binding in relation to each case. Circumstances in one case may differ to others.

## 2019/065: The refusal to grant a building consent for District Court buildings due to the disputed importance levels

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<p>This determination considers the authority's purported refusal to grant a building consent for seismic strengthening work because the authority did not agree with the importance level classification proposed by the structural engineer. The determination discusses whether the subject building should be classified as Importance Level 2 or Importance Level 3 as set out in AS/NZS 1170.0. This standard is referenced by Verification Method B1/VM1, which is a means of compliance with Building Code Clause B1 Structure. </p>

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2019-065/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2019-065/)

## 2009/115: Dispute about a house built by one shareholder of a jointly owned block of Māori land

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24 DECEMBER 2009

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2009-115/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2009-115/)

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