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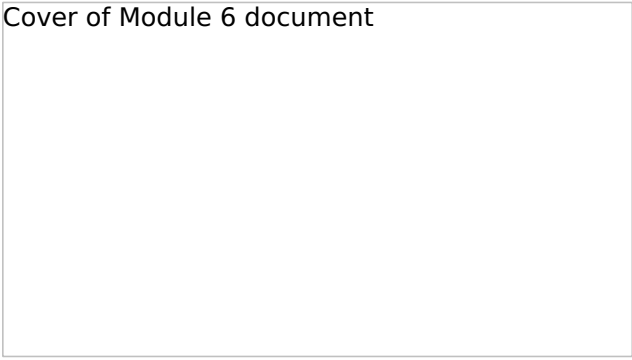
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Introduction

This module covers the principles of the seismic design of retaining walls of a routine nature throughout New Zealand and should be used in conjunction with established handbooks that cover other aspects of retaining wall design in all situations and soil conditions.

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Developed jointly by MBIE and the New Zealand Geotechnical Society, Module 6 is part of the Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering Practice series and relates specifically to earthquake-resistant retaining wall design.

Other modules

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Resources

Other resources that are available include:

- [Seismic Design of Storage Tanks](#) on the New Zealand Society for Earthquake Engineering Inc website

- (please note there is a fee for this guidance)
- [New Zealand Dam Safety Guidelines \(2015\)](#) on the New Zealand Society on Large Dams website
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