

G3 Food preparation and prevention of contamination

Providing sufficient safe and hygienic facilities for food storage and preparation

This clause requires the safe and adequate provision of space and facilities for the hygienic storage, preparation and cooking of food in, for example, domestic situations and buildings intended for the manufacture, preparation, packaging or storage of food.

It sets requirements and physical characteristics for cooking, refrigeration, utensil washing and facilities. It ensures people with disabilities are able to carry out normal activities within buildings.

[Record of amendments \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/record-of-amendments/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/record-of-amendments/) is a record of changes to the Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.

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.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-237/\)](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.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/about-building-performance/news-and-updates/all-news-and-updates/bc-update-236/)

View all related news and updates (https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination&area=news-and-updates&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results)

Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods

Current version

These are issued by MBIE to provide one way of complying with the <http://mbie5.cwp.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination/>

Previous versions

1st edition, amendment 1

Building Code and must be accepted by BCAs as demonstrating compliance with the related clauses of the Building Code. Using them is not mandatory.

1st edition, amendment 2

[PDF 482 KB]

Effective from 1 January 2017

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination/asvm/g3-food-preparation-prevention-contamination-1st-edition-amendment2.pdf>)

[PDF 173 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination/asvm/g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination-amendment-1.pdf>)

Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/different-ways-to-comply/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>) (AS and VMs) were called compliance documents. Some still have the “compliance document” title but the AS or VMs they contain are valid and unaffected by the name change.

Version history (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>)

Guidance

These documents are provided for assistance. They are not intended as a means of establishing compliance with the Building Act or Building Code, and they do not have the same status accorded to Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods under the Act.



Access for people with disabilities in buildings that provide public accommodation

Ensuring people with disabilities are provided for in public buildings, and what changes can be made.

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination/public-accommodation-access/>)

View all related guidance (https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination&area=guidance&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results)

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.

2018/062: Authority's refusal to issue a code compliance certificate for a 17-year-old house with monolithic cladding

Note: to be read in conjunction with Determination 2017/008. This determination considers a second refusal to issue a code compliance certificate for a now 17-year-old house with monolithic cladding that was the subject of a previous determination. This determination discusses the validity of the refusal with regard to the time in which a building consent authority must make a decision, and the relationship between the requirement to give reasons for refusing to issue a code compliance certificate and the issue of a notice to fix. The determination considers the information the authority had before it at the time it made its decision and whether the items identified by the authority are compliant with the Building Code.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-062/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2018-062/)

2017/051: Refusal to issue a code compliance certificate for a 10-year-old house with brick veneer cladding

This determination considers the compliance of the building work, and whether there were reasonable grounds for the authority to issue a code compliance certificate. The determination also discussed inspections undertaken by the authority as a means of providing reasonable grounds on which to issue a code compliance certificate.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2017-051/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2017-051/)

View 10 Determinations related to Food preparation and prevention of contamination [\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination&action_doSearch=Search#results\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination&action_doSearch=Search#results)

Related building products

All products, systems and construction methods that have achieved CodeMark status will be listed here with their most up to date certificate.

View 2 certified building products associated with Food preparation and prevention of contamination [\(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination&action_doSearch=Search#results\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=g3-food-preparation-and-prevention-of-contamination&action_doSearch=Search#results)