

G5 Interior environment

Habitable spaces with sufficient space for activity, accessible facilities and controlled internal temperature.

This clause has particular applications for early childhood centres, old people's homes and communal non-residential places of assembly. It requires there to be adequate and accessible habitable space for activities (furniture and sanitary or mobility aids) according to the building's intended use, and for certain buildings to be provided with listening systems and controlled internal temperature.

[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

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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 [\(https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=g5-interior-environment&area=news-and-updates&show=all&action_doSearch=Search&sort=recent#results\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=g5-interior-environment&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 Building Code and must be accepted by BCAs as demonstrating

Previous versions

1st edition, amendment 1
[PDF 338 KB]

compliance with the related clauses of the Building Code. Using them is not mandatory.

1st edition, amendment 2

[PDF 145 KB]

Effective from 10 October 2011

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g5-interior-environment/asvm/g5-interior-environment-1st-edition-amendment-2.pdf>)

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g5-interior-environment/asvm/g5-interior-environment-1st-edition-amendment-1.pdf>)

1st edition, amendment 2 replacement pages

[PDF 136 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g5-interior-environment/asvm/g5-interior-environment-1st-edition-amendment-2-rp.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/g5-interior-environment/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.

Accessible reception and service counters

Find out what makes a reception area accessible, including good design and building requirements.

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g5-interior-environment/accessible-reception-and-service-counters/>)

View all related guidance (https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=g5-interior-environment&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.

2015/032: Refusal to issue a building consent for remedial work to improve weathertightness issues to a house with a code compliance certificate

This determination covered technical issues about a proprietary system provider's methodologies and technologies relating to liquid and foaming injection timber treatment systems used to slow the rate of decay. Discussed whether timber treatment process is building work, and whether targeted treatment can be exempt from building consent under Schedule 1 of the Act as maintenance. Discussed impacts on bracing capacity, air volatility, and the use of drying skirts. Also mentioned the provision of new plans as opposed to copied plans.

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2015-032/>)

2013/045: Regarding the issue of notices to fix for a rest home

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2013-045/>)

View 5 Determinations related to Interior environment

(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=g5-interior-environment&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 1 certified building product associated with Interior environment (https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=g5-interior-environment&action_doSearch=Search#results)



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