

G7 Natural light

Providing sufficient natural light for occupied spaces and appropriate visual awareness of the outside for occupants.

This clause requires habitable spaces to have adequate windows for natural light and visual awareness of the outside environment to safeguard against illness, and loss of amenity due to isolation.

It requires natural light of no less than 30 lux at floor level for 75% of the standard year, and for transparent openings in certain 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.

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View all related news and updates https://www.building.govt.nz/search/?bcc%5B%5D=g7-natural-light&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

Previous versions

1st edition, amendment 1
[PDF 605 KB]

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

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g7-natural-light/asvm/g7-natural-light-1st-edition-amendment-1.pdf>)

1st edition, amendment 2

[PDF 478 KB]

Effective from 14 February 2014

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g7-natural-light/asvm/g7-natural-light-1st-edition-amendment-2.pdf>)

1st edition, amendment 2 replacement pages

[PDF 573 KB]

(<https://www.building.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/building-code-compliance/g-services-and-facilities/g7-natural-light/asvm/g7-natural-light-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/g7-natural-light/acceptable-solutions-and-verification-methods/>)

Standards

Standards are frequently referred to in Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods. They provide practical information and guidelines for building solutions.

Over 120 building standards used for Building Code compliance are now available for free download.

See the free standards relating to Code Clause G7 (<https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards/?buildingcode=G7>).

All standards, including the funded ones, can be accessed through the Standards New Zealand website (<https://www.standards.govt.nz/>).

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.

2008/108: Refusal to issue a code compliance certificate for an addition to a motel

28 NOVEMBER 2008

2008/035: Determination regarding the code compliance of a house in which injected foam wall insulation has been installed

19 MAY 2008

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2008-108/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2008-108/)

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2008-035/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/determination-2008-035/)

View 5 Determinations related to Natural light (https://www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/resolution-options/determinations/determinations-issued/?bcc%5B%5D=g7-natural-light&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 Natural light (https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/product-assurance-and-multiproof/codemark/product-certificate-register/?&bcc%5B%5D=g7-natural-light&action_doSearch=Search#results)