

# Standards and other referenced publications

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Many Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods refer to Standards and other publications. These provide practical information or guidelines, often including 'how to build' solutions.

When a Standard or referenced publication is published or revised, we review it to determine whether it is suitable to be used in the Acceptable Solutions or Verification Methods. Depending on the outcome of the review, we may cite the entire Standard or publication, or parts of it in an Acceptable Solution or Verification Method. We may also cite the Standard or publication subject to certain modifications.

For the purposes of New Zealand Building Code compliance, acceptable reference documents include only the quoted edition and specific amendments as listed in the Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods.

Places where the reference documents are quoted are more specifically identified by paragraph or table, in the reference list contained in each Acceptable Solution and Verification Method.

## Standards

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Standards are created by the organisation Standards New Zealand. Standards are developed by technical committees, often in partnership with Standards Australia.

Standards are referred to by the abbreviation NZS followed by a unique identifying number and date, for example NZS 4211:2011. Dates in brackets indicate that the Standard or publication was reviewed and reissued without change that year. AS/NZS refers to a Standard developed jointly between Australia and New Zealand.

In 2019 MBIE sponsored more than 120 New Zealand Standards, making them freely available to the public.

The initiative is a follow-up to a highly successful pilot when a handful of important standards and one handbook became available to view online at no charge in December 2017.

[Building-related Standards \(https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards\)](https://www.standards.govt.nz/sponsored-standards/building-standards) on the Standards New Zealand website had further information.

## List of referenced publications

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The [Building Code handbook \(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-code-works/) contains a full list of all the publications referenced in the Acceptable Solutions and Verification Methods. This includes publications produced by:

- Standards New Zealand
- Standards Australia
- British Standards Institution
- New Zealand publications (other than Standards, for example Building Research Association of New Zealand, or Chemical Industry Council Incorporated)
- Australian publications (other than Standards, for example Australian Building Codes Board)
- International Fire Engineering Guidelines (IFEG)

- Government departments and agencies
- International publications (for example International Standards Organisation, Geneva)



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