

## Building officials

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Building officials have a key role to play in ensuring New Zealand's regulatory building control system works effectively.

The Building Act 2004 aims to provide more certainty around the consenting and inspection of building work by setting out a registration and accreditation scheme and technical reviews.

The Act creates three clearly defined operational roles for building consent authorities (BCA), territorial authorities and regional authorities.

Territorial authorities also have key responsibilities for managing earthquake-prone buildings.

[Managing earthquake-prone buildings \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/) has more information.

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### Building CodeHub

Helps building officials and building practitioners search for and find the resources they need to carry out their roles and comply with the New Zealand Building Code.

Go to the Building CodeHub website  
<https://codehub.building.govt.nz>

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## In this section

### [Roles and responsibilities of councils](#)

An outline of the statutory roles and responsibilities of councils.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/roles-and-responsibilities-of-councils/>

### [BCA accreditation](#)

This is a guidance tool for BCAs to help them meet the requirements of the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006. It contains explanations and useful self checklists for each regulation.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/bca-accreditation/>

### [National BCA competency assessment system](#)

BCAs can use the national competency assessment system framework to assess their technical building control staff.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/national-bca-competency-assessment-system/>

### [Guides for building officials](#)

This section provides procedural guides of some of parts of the Building Act 2004 for building officials.

<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/guides-for-building-officials/>

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### Technical reviews

View reports of technical reviews assessing a council's performance of their TA roles.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/technical-reviews/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/technical-reviews/)

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### Building Consent Authorities (BCA) Register

Use the BCA register to search for the contact details of any building consent authority. BCAs are usually local and district councils, they can also be regional councils (for dams) and private organisations.

[\(https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/find-a-bca/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/building-officials/find-a-bca/)

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