



COVID-19: Building and construction sector guidance

Find out how to work at different COVID-19 Alert Levels if you're in the building and construction sector, work for council, retailers and suppliers to the sector, or a homeowner or renter.

New Zealand is currently in COVID-19 Alert Level 1.

Alert Level 1 allows building and construction businesses to be open, provided they are meeting COVID-19 health and safety requirements.

Ensuring that a health and safety plan is in place is crucial throughout all Covid-19 Alert Levels, so it is important that you understand what is required.

MBIE will update this information regularly as the COVID-19 Levels change.

Health and safety

Under all Alert Levels operating businesses must put appropriate health and safety controls in place, including physical distancing at levels 2-4. Every operating business must record details on these measures in a COVID-19 control plan.

COVID-19 Health and Safety

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Find out what health and safety measures you must have in place under all COVID-19 Alert Levels.



Alert Level 1 for building and construction

During COVID-19 Alert Level 1, work in building and construction sector can continue as normal.



Alert level 1 information for the building and construction sector

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Find out more about operating in the building and construction sector under COVID-19 Alert Level 1

Building maintenance

Find out more on durability of materials left onsite, maintaining buildings and ensuring that buildings water systems are safe.



Durability of materials on exposed construction sites

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During COVID-19 Alert Level 4, there may be concerns over the durability of materials on exposed building sites.



Inspection and maintenance of specified systems

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Maintaining buildings with specified systems under COVID-19 restrictions



Water system safety in reoccupied buildings

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Ensuring water system safety in reoccupied buildings under COVID-19 restrictions.

Alert levels 1-4: what it means for you

<http://mbie5.cwp.govt.nz/covid-19/>

Find out how to prepare for different COVID-19 Alert Levels if you're in the building and construction sector, a retailer or supplier to the sector, a homeowner or renter, or work for a council.

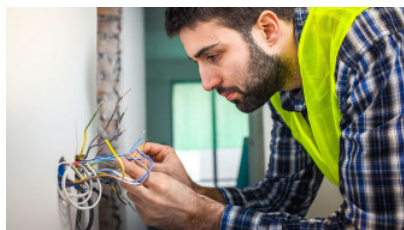
The rules outlined for the building and construction sector are only applicable to certain types of work. Building and construction work is any design, manufacture, supply, consent, inspection or building work necessary for the construction, repair or maintenance of buildings and other structures, including siteworks.



Essential business in the building and construction sector

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Building and construction work that meets the Government definition of an essential service is exempt from the COVID-19 Alert Level restrictions. Find out what work is deemed essential in the building and construction sector.



Retailer and supplier information

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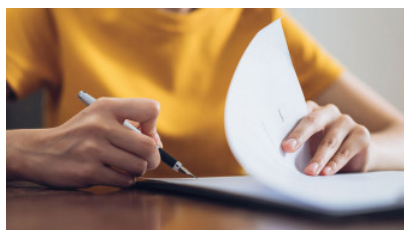
Retailers and suppliers can sell building and construction goods to customers but must follow the restrictions.



Construction and trade sector information

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Tradespeople and construction workers need to comply with requirements for building work that is carried out.



Council and Professional Services information

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During Alert Levels 1-4, councils and professional services should work in accordance with the Government requirements.



Home and building owner and tenant information

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Alert Level 1-4 requires all New Zealanders to comply with restrictions in place building work needs to be carried out.

Essential business and services

Read a definition of essential business, how to decide if a service is essential, and examples of essential vs non-essential work.

More information

Find out more on the Government's COVID-19 website:

Essential businesses

(<https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/covid-19-alert-level/#essential-businesses>)

Financial support

(<https://covid19.govt.nz/government-actions/financial-support/>)

Advice for businesses, organisations and employees (<https://covid19.govt.nz/help-and-advice/for-businesses-organisations-and-employees/>)

If you have any questions and concerns relating to COVID-19, please call the free government helpline on **0800 779 997** (8am - 10pm, 7 days a week)

If you have any questions relating to the building and construction sector, email info@building.govt.nz



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