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Rights and obligations in the building process

If you are involved in a building project, it’s important you know who is responsible for each aspect.

- Homeowner rights and obligations
- Builder and designer rights and obligations
- Building owner rights and obligations
- How the building system protects you
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Stages of the building process

Understand project stages, from scoping and design to consents, construction and completion.

- DIY, but build it right
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The reforms will speed up consenting and build confidence in the building system.

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- Why contracts are valuable
- Apply for building consent
- Build to the consent
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- Health and safety on site

Understanding the building consent process

For safe, healthy and durable buildings, all building work in New Zealand must meet certain standards. Find out how to build within...
the rules.

**Health and safety on site**

Avoid accidents and make site safety a priority.

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Find Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods, updates and technical guidance by Building Code clause.

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- Securing unreinforced masonry building parapets and facades
- Change of use, alterations and extension of life
- Managing buildings in an emergency

Specified systems and compliance schedules

If you own a building that contains a specified system such as a cable car, you must ensure they are effectively operated for the life of the building and in keeping with the council-issued compliance schedule.

- Inspections and maintenance of specified systems as a building owner
- Fines and penalties for offences relating to compliance schedules
- Compliance schedules

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Resolving problems
- Resolution options
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Determinations

A determination is a binding decision made by MBIE providing a way of solving disputes or questions about the rules that apply to buildings, how buildings are used, building accessibility, and health and safety.

- Understanding determinations
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Building law reform programme

The building law reforms are a programme of work to lift performance of the regulatory system and drive better outcomes for the sector and for New Zealanders.

A high performing building and construction industry is crucial to New Zealand's economy and vital for delivering safe, healthy and durable buildings for everyone.

The building law reform work has been phased so we can deliver positive changes quickly, but continue to focus on areas that need more development. This gives the sector time to shift to new regulatory settings with minimal disruption.

Programme details

Learn about the background to the reforms, why we are making these changes and how to keep informed.
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Product information requirements
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bslrp codemark

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Article

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