

Earthquake-prone building resources

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The resources, guidelines and key terms on this page can help territorial authorities, building owners, professionals and users to understand how the new system affects them.

Legislation

The following legislation is available on the New Zealand Legislation website:

- Building Act 2004 (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2004/0072/latest/whole.html>)
- Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2016/0022/22.0/DLM5616102.html>)
- Building (Specified Systems, Change the Use, and Earthquake-prone Buildings) Regulations 2005 (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2005/0032/latest/DLM313966.html>)
- Building (Infringement Offences, Fees, and Forms) Regulations 2007 (<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2007/0403/latest/DLM6340501.html>)

Further resources are available on the MBIE Corporate website (<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/building-and-energy/building/investigations-and-reviews-for-safer-buildings/new-system-for-managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/>)

Tools and guidance

Online learning site

Five online courses related to earthquake-prone buildings are currently available on the [Building Performance online learning site](https://learning.building.govt.nz/) (<https://learning.building.govt.nz/>):

- Identify
- Assess
- Decide
- Apply
- Building owners

Guidance

- The methodology to identify earthquake-prone buildings (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/methodology-identify-earthquake-prone-buildings/>) (EPB methodology)
- Engineering Assessment Guidelines (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/seismic-assessment-existing-buildings/>)
- Priority Buildings: a guide to the earthquake-prone building provisions of the Building Act (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/priority-buildings-earthquake-prone/>)
- Exemptions from carrying out seismic work (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/exemptions-carrying-out-seismic-work/>)
- Altering an existing building (<https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/b-stability/b1-structure/altering-existing-building/>)

Information sheets

- Identifying potentially earthquake-prone buildings (<https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system->

[works/identifying-earthquake-prone-buildings/](#)

- [Assessing potentially earthquake-prone buildings \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/assessing-potentially-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/assessing-potentially-earthquake-prone-buildings/)
- [Deciding if a building is earthquake prone \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/deciding-building-earthquake-prone/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/deciding-building-earthquake-prone/)
- [Applying the outcome of the decision \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/applying-outcome-of-decision/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/applying-outcome-of-decision/)
- [Earthquake-prone buildings: Notices \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/users-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-epb-notice-and-register-of-earthquake-prone-buildings\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/users-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-epb-notice-and-register-of-earthquake-prone-buildings)
(<https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-issuing-epb-notice-to-building-owners>)
- [Earthquake-prone buildings: Priority buildings \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/#jumpto-priority-buildings-0028high-and-medium-seismic-risk-areas-0029\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/how-the-system-works/#jumpto-priority-buildings-0028high-and-medium-seismic-risk-areas-0029)
- [Earthquake-prone buildings: Substantial alterations \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/owners-of-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-substantial-alterations-to-an-earthquake-prone-building\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/owners-of-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-substantial-alterations-to-an-earthquake-prone-building)
- [How to start: advice for territorial authorities on using existing information to identify potentially earthquake-prone buildings \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-identifying-potentially-earthquake-prone-buildings\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-identifying-potentially-earthquake-prone-buildings)
- [Strategic engineering advice to assist territorial authorities \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/)
- [Territorial authorities issue EPB notices for earthquake-prone buildings \(https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-issuing-epb-notice-to-building-owners\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/managing-buildings/managing-earthquake-prone-buildings/what-earthquake-prone-buildings-system-means-for-you/territorial-authorities-earthquake-prone-buildings/#jumpto-issuing-epb-notice-to-building-owners)



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