

Latest changes and how to use this guide

Find out about the scope of Schedule 1, and law changes relating to work that doesn't require a building consent.

How to use this guide

This guide provides information on each of the Schedule 1 exemptions including what the law says, guidance and useful examples. We also highlight some key changes.

[Schedule 1: Building work that does not require a building consent \(https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/schedule-1-exempt-building-work/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/schedule-1-exempt-building-work/)

Before referring to the specific exemptions, we suggest you read:

[What the law says \(https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/building-owners-exempt-work/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/building-owners-exempt-work/) – section 41 and section 42A of the Building Act, which relate to the Schedule 1 exemptions.

[Building owner responsibilities \(https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/building-owners-exempt-work/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/building-owners-exempt-work/) – including seeking advice on whether or not your building work is exempt under Schedule 1.

Further information

The following sections may also be useful:

- [Previous versions \(https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/exempt-building-work-law#jumpto-checking-whether-earlier-work-was-covered-by-an-exemption/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/exempt-building-work-law#jumpto-checking-whether-earlier-work-was-covered-by-an-exemption/) of the legislation, which can be useful for establishing whether or not previous building work on a property was exempt at the time it was carried out, and
- [Glossary \(https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/glossary/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/projects-and-consents/planning-a-successful-build/scope-and-design/check-if-you-need-consents/building-consent-exemptions-for-low-risk-work/schedule-1-guidance/glossary/) of key terms and abbreviations.

About the term 'exemption'

We use the term 'exemption' in this guide to refer to a clause in Schedule 1. For example, 'exemption 2' refers to clause 2 of Schedule 1 of the Building Act.



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