



Building work that doesn't need a building consent

There are many building projects that don't require a building consent, which makes it easier and faster for New Zealanders to get on with certain building projects.

Find out all the information you need to know before you start building work that is exempt from the building consent process, including who you should engage to do the work, what rules to follow and where to go for advice. You will also find all the technical details you need to follow, along with examples to help get the job done.

Like all building work, exempt building work must comply with the Building Code and other relevant legislation, so it's important to understand what you are doing before you do the work.



Everything you need to know

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Some projects do not need a building consent under the Building Act 2004. Find out everything you need to know.



Exempt building work guidance

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Find out the technical requirements for exempt building work categorised by project type.



New building consent exemptions

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New types of building work will no longer require a building consent, saving homeowners up to \$18 million a year and reducing the number of consents by about 9,000 (if lodged separately).

Exempt work that requires authorised professionals

Building consent exemptions for work carried out or supervised by an LBP

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Certain building projects can be done without a building consent if you engage a licensed building practitioner.



Building consent exemptions for work designed and reviewed by an engineer

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Certain building projects can be done without a building consent if you engage a chartered professional engineer.



Plumbing and drainage work that doesn't need a building consent

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Certain plumbing or drainlaying work can be done without a building consent if you engage an authorised person.

