

Title	Prepare new and existing light frame constructions for plastering and apply scratch coat on site		
Level	3	Credits	23

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: set up work area; prepare surfaces for plastering; apply scratch coat on site; cure surfaces on site; and complete work operations.
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Classification	Construction Trades > Solid Plastering
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 Definitions

light frame constructions refers to steel studs, timber framing with and without solid backings;

industry practice refers to the expected standard required in an on-site environment in which credit for this standard is sought; such standards may be set down in: industry codes of practice; documented procedures specific to standards endorsed by the BCITO - Solid Plastering and Floor and Wall Tiling Industry National Advisory Group; best practice descriptors; standards of practice which are regarded as desirable benchmarks for operations endorsed by the BCITO - Solid Plastering and Floor and Wall Tiling Industry National Advisory Group;

on site refers to a wide range of building and construction environments within which the trade skills must be applied;

site safety plan refers to the employer's documented safety plan which demonstrates compliance with the Health and Safety in Employment Act, 1992.

2 The word *plant* is used as in the Health and Safety in Employment Act, 1992 to mean: appliances, equipment, fittings, furniture, implements, machines, machinery, tools, vehicles, plus parts, controls, and anything connected to such plant.

3 *Specifications* refers to any, or all of the following: manufacturer's specifications and/or recommendations; site and/or work specific requirements.

4 All work practices must comply with the following Regulations, legislation and standards:

Health and Safety in Employment Act, 1992;

Health and Safety in Employment Amendment Act, 2002;

Health and Safety in Employment Regulations, 1995;

Resource Management Act, 1991;

Resource Management Amendment Act, 2003;

New Zealand Standard 4251: 1998, *Code of Practice for Solid Plastering*;

AS2592: 1983, *Gypsum Plaster for Building Purposes*.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Set up work area.

Range interior, exterior.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Area to be prepared is confirmed as being in accordance with plan and specifications.
- 1.2 Actions taken in the event that surfaces are not in accordance with plan and specifications, are in accordance with industry practice.
- 1.3 Plant and materials are located in accordance with work flow.

Range accessibility, services, protection against weather.
- 1.4 Work of other trades is protected prior to commencement of work.
- 1.5 Access equipment is erected to comply with regulations.

Outcome 2

Prepare surfaces for plastering.

Range new, existing.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Building consent requirements for all surfaces are complied with.
- 2.2 Reinforcing mesh is applied in accordance with specifications.
- 2.3 All mouldings and flashings are fixed in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.
- 2.4 Construction joints are applied in accordance with specifications stated in NZ Standard 4251.

Outcome 3

Apply scratch coat on site.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Scratch coat is mixed in accordance with specifications.

- 3.2 Scratch coat is applied to reinforced meshing in accordance with specifications.

Outcome 4

Cure surfaces on site.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 Curing period is determined in accordance with material used, time of application, and working conditions.
- 4.2 Surfaces are kept moist for period specified in manufacturer's instructions and NZ Standard 4251.
- 4.3 Curing is completed with minimum disruption to other trades.

Outcome 5

Complete work operations.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 All operations are completed without damage to project, plant, and materials.
- 5.2 All activities comply with the requirements set down in the site safety plan.
- 5.3 Workplace emergency procedures are followed as set down in site safety plan.
- 5.4 All plant is used maintained, cleaned, and stored in accordance with manufacturer's and/or supervisor's requirements.
- 5.5 Work site is left as specified in terms of contract with client.
- 5.6 Surplus materials are dealt with in accordance with industry practice, and to comply with legislation.

Range non-hazardous, hazardous.

This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

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