

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of the building regulatory framework		
Level	4	Credits	12

Purpose	<p>This unit standard is for people working or intending to work in a building regulatory environment in New Zealand.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – demonstrate understanding of the evolution of building regulatory legislation; – describe the relationships between and among the Building Act, the Building Code, and Building Regulations; and – apply knowledge of the impact of related legislation on building consent applications.
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Classification	Compliance and Law Enforcement > Building Control Surveying
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

1 References

Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authority) Regulations 2017;
 Building Act 1991;
 Building Act 2004 and associated Building Regulations; includes Building Code;
 Electricity Act 1992;
 Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
 Health Act 1956;
 Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014;
 Local Government Act 2002;
 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987;
 Plumbers, Gasfitters, and Drainlayers Act 2006;
 Privacy Act 2020;
 Resource Management Act 1991;
 Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012;
 and all subsequent amendments and replacements.

2 Definitions

Alternative solutions – methods of demonstrating compliance, such as producer statement, code mark, appraisal certificate, product technical statement, verification method.

BCA – Building Consent Authority.

- 3 Building consents processed for the purposes of assessing candidates against this unit standard should generally be for buildings falling within the scope of coverage of New Zealand Standards NZS 3604:2011 *Timber-framed buildings*, and NZS 4229:2013 *Concrete masonry buildings not requiring specific engineering design*, available from <http://www.standards.govt.nz>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Demonstrate understanding of the evolution of building regulatory legislation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Describe the history of the legislative environment.
- Range building bylaws, Building Act 1991, Building Act 2004.
- 1.2 Describe the importance of BCA accreditation.
- 1.3 Describe the purposes and principles of the Building Act 2004.
- 1.4 Describe the roles, responsibilities, and powers of participants in the building regulatory environment with reference to the Building Act 2004.
- Range includes but is not limited to – territorial authorities, building consent authorities, private bodies, owners, owner-builders, designers, builders, and product manufacturers or suppliers; evidence of two is required.
- 1.5 Describe the interrelationships between participants in the building regulatory environment with reference to the Building Act 2004.
- Range participants include but are not limited to – territorial authorities, building consent authorities, private bodies, owners, owner-builders, designers, builders, and product manufacturers or suppliers; evidence of two interrelationships is required.

Outcome 2

Describe the relationships between and among the Building Act, the Building Code, and Building Regulations.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe the structure of the Building Code.
- Range acceptable solutions, verification methods, alternative solutions.

- 2.2 Outline means of demonstrating compliance with the Building Code by acceptable solutions, and alternative solutions, in relation to a building consent application.

Outcome 3

Apply knowledge of the impact of related legislation on building consent applications.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 Outline the impact of related legislation on the building regulatory environment.

Range Resource Management Act 1991, Health Act 1956, and one other Act.

- 3.2 Determine the impact of related legislation on a building consent application.

- 3.3 Communicate the impact of related legislation on the processing of a building consent application.

Range may include – customer, colleague, public.

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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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