

Title	Prepare for brick and blocklaying		
Level	4	Credits	15

Purpose	<p>This unit standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – Specifications, developed on behalf of the trowel trades to specify the skills and knowledge required to achieve the New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades (Level 4) with strands in Brick and Block Laying, Floor and Wall Tiling, Proprietary Plaster Cladding Systems, Ferro-cement Tank Manufacture, Refractory Installation, and Solid Plastering (with optional strands in Fixing Cavities and Substrates, and Decorative Mouldings) [Ref: 3137].</p> <p>This unit standard is intended for those working in the brick and blocklaying industry.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to prepare for brick and blocklaying to the level required of a commercially competent brick and blocklaying trade professional.</p>
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Classification	Masonry > Brick and Block Laying
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

This unit standard is one of a family of standards that align with the *New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – Specifications* and should be read, interpreted and assessed in the context of those *Specifications* and the New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades (Level 4) with strands in Brick and Block Laying, Floor and Wall Tiling, Proprietary Plaster Cladding Systems, Ferro-cement Tank Manufacture, Refractory Installation, and Solid Plastering (with optional strands in Fixing Cavities and Substrates, and Decorative Mouldings) [Ref: 3137].

The overarching level of performance for the family of unit standards is commercial competence.

Commercial competence requires a candidate to be capable of consistently performing the requirements of the skill specification:

- to current regulatory, industry and commercial standards
- within a commercially viable timeframe
- in commercial environments
- without supervision
- in different and unfamiliar contexts.

The sufficiency of evidence required to demonstrate commercial competence against this unit standard is determined within the context of the family of unit standards aligned to the *Specifications*.

The assessor must be confident that the candidate is capable of applying the skills and knowledge included in this skill specification to the level, scope and complexity required to support the achievement of related skills included in the *Specification*.

Commercial competence can only be demonstrated, and must be assessed, in the workplace.

The assessment of commercial competence must be corroborated and confirmed by a person who has current expertise in the brick and block trade and has had the opportunity to regularly observe the candidate in the workplace.

Reference

New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – Specifications, BCITO, February 2016, available from www.bcito.org.nz.

Skill specification and performance level guidance

Skill specification

Prepare for brick and blocklaying.

Know How to set up the site ready for laying bricks and blocks.

The characteristics of foundations constructed as the base for bricks and blocks.

The characteristics of the building substrate prepared for laying bricks.

Do Set up the site ready for laying bricks and blocks.

Confirm suitability of foundation and substrate ready for laying bricks and blocks.

Prepare foundations and substrate to allow the laying of bricks and blocks.

Order materials and co-ordinate deliveries.

Check quality, quantity, consistency and finish of delivered materials.

Prepare materials ready for laying bricks and blocks.

Performance level guidance

Characteristics of foundations include line, level, plumb, acceptable tolerances, condition of damp proof course, and position of reinforcing starters.

Characteristics of building substrate include line, level, plumb, condition of wrap, allowance for cavity, flashing systems, and position of penetrations and services.

Preparation of foundations includes cleaning down and removing rough edges of concrete.

Preparing materials includes stacking, blending, re-positioning, covering and protecting.

Replacement information	This unit standard was replaced by unit standard 33072 and unit standard 33073.
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This unit standard is expiring. Assessment against the standard must take place by the last date for assessment set out below.

Status information and last date for assessment for superseded versions

Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
Registration	1	27 September 2018	31 December 2025
Review	2	25 August 2022	31 December 2025

Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0048
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