

<b>Title</b>	<b>Apply solid plaster to surfaces</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>80</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is intended for people working in the solid plastering industry.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to apply solid plaster to surfaces to the level required of a commercially competent solid plasterer.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Construction Trades > Solid Plastering
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved
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## Guidance Information

### 1 Assessment

This unit standard is one of a family of standards intended to align with the *New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – 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].

Evidence for this unit standard must reflect commercial competence.

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

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

Commercial competence must be confirmed by a person who has current expertise in the solid plastering trade.

### 2 Definitions

*Job documentation* refers to approved plans for the specific work to be carried out.  
*Workplace procedures* refer to the documented procedures specific to a workplace which sets out the standard and the required practices of that workplace.

- 3 Legislation, standards and guidance information relevant to this standard includes the following, and any subsequent amendments and replacements:

*New Zealand Certificate in Trowel Trades – Specifications*, BCITO, August 2021, available from [www.waihangaarau.nz](http://www.waihangaarau.nz).

Legislation accessed at [www.legislation.govt.nz](http://www.legislation.govt.nz)

- Building Act 2004,
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015,
- The New Zealand Building Code.

Standard accessed at [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz)

- NZS 4251.1:2007 *Solid plastering – Cement plasters for walls, ceilings and soffits*.

Best practice and good practice guidelines

- *The Absolutely Essential Health and Safety Toolkit for Small Construction Sites*, and other Worksafe NZ publications available from [www.worksafe.govt.nz](http://www.worksafe.govt.nz).

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## Skill specification and performance level guidance

### Skill specification

Apply solid plaster to surfaces.

### Knowledge

The requirements of substrate for application of solid plastering, and methods to check readiness.

The requirements and methods to set out and apply solid plaster coats to different surfaces.

Range surfaces include – wall, soffit, floor, step, landing;  
solid plaster coats include – bond, slush, scratch, flanking, finish coats.

The process to produce different finishes in plaster coats.

The process and requirements to cure plastered surfaces.

The different types of defects encountered in freshly plastered surfaces and how to remedy them.

### Skills

Check and perform minor works to prepare substrates for application of solid plaster.

Range minor works include – levelling surface, removing dust and debris.

Set out and apply solid plaster coats to prepared surfaces.

Set out and apply modified plaster.

Cure plastered surfaces.

Complete any remedial work necessary to solid plastering coats.

### Performance level guidance

Performance must reflect workplace procedures, legislative requirements, New Zealand Standards, and job documentation relevant to solid plastering.

Performance must reflect application of modified plaster to supplement other solid plaster coats and does not constitute a proprietary plaster cladding system.

<b>Planned review date</b>	31 December 2027
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### 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	N/A

<b>Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference</b>	0048
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

### Comments on this unit standard

Please contact Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council [qualifications@waihangaararau.nz](mailto:qualifications@waihangaararau.nz) if you wish to suggest changes to the content of this unit standard.