

Building Review Survey link: [Building Review Survey - Ministry for Regulation - Citizen Space](#)

Closes: 26 October 2026

Overview

The Ministry for Regulation is reviewing work that is exempt from needing a building consent

The review is focused on building work that can be carried out without a building consent under Schedule 1 or Schedule 1A of the Building Act 2004. We want to understand:

- what you believe works well
- what problems you have experienced or observed
- whether you think any changes are needed.

You can also comment on other parts of the building regulatory system, including regulatory requirements, consent and approval processes, guidance, accreditation, monitoring, enforcement, and the roles of different people and organisations.

We welcome responses from homeowners, building owners, businesses, tradespeople, professionals, councils, industry organisations and anyone else with relevant experience.

Completing this form is voluntary. Your feedback will help inform advice on possible improvements to the system.

Why your views matter

We want to understand **how the system operates in practice**, not just how it is intended to work.

We are particularly interested in practical experiences and specific examples. These might include:

- difficulty working out whether an exemption applies
- different interpretations by councils or practitioners
- unnecessary cost, delay, duplication or uncertainty
- requirements that are disproportionate to the risks involved
- effects on safety or building quality
- requirements or practices that work well

- suggestions for improving the system.

What to expect

The survey should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes, depending on how much information you choose to provide.

You do not need to answer every question.

If you have more than one issue or suggestion, please list each point separately.

Privacy, Official Information Act and use of AI

Privacy notice

Why we collect your personal information

This form requires you to disclose some personal information, including your name and email.

The Ministry for Regulation may use the personal information you provide to contact you about the regulatory issue you raise. If we consider that another public sector agency (as defined in [section 7\(1\)](#) of the Privacy Act 2020) may be able to assist with, act on, or otherwise progress the issue you raise, we may share your contact details with that public sector agency, but subject to your consent below. Any sharing of your personal information will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Act 2020.

Even if you don't consent to us passing on your details to another government agency, we will still look into the regulatory issue you raise.

Information submitted to the Ministry will be considered official information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA is intended to promote transparency and accountability by giving the public the right to access official information held by, among others, public service agencies (as defined in [section 2\(1\)](#) of the OIA), subject to certain grounds for withholding information where considered appropriate.

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Use of Artificial Intelligence

The Ministry may use Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools to support our work, in line with the Government Chief Digital Officer's Responsible AI Guidance for the Public Service: GenAI.

AI may be used to support the Ministry's work by assisting with tasks such as summarising information, drafting content, or improving efficiency, with human

oversight and accountability retained at all times. Any content developed using AI tools will be reviewed by Ministry staff to ensure it is accurate.

QUESTIONS

1. I consent to the Ministry for Regulation sharing my contact details with another public sector agency (as defined in section 7(1) of the Privacy Act 2020) in relation to the regulatory issue I have raised. I am happy to be contacted by the Ministry for Regulation or another public sector agency, if the public sector agency concerned considers it necessary to do so to assist with, act on, or otherwise progress the regulatory issue I have raised.

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

2. If your response contains information that you consider confidential, commercially sensitive, or personal, please identify that information and explain why you consider it sensitive. If the Ministry receives a request, it will consider whether there is good reason to withhold any information, including confidential, commercially sensitive, or personal information. The Ministry cannot guarantee that information will be withheld. Where appropriate and practicable, the Ministry may consult you before deciding whether to release information that concerns you or your organisation. I understand that my submission is subject to the OIA and may be publicly released if required by law. I consent to my name / organisation name being released if it falls within scope of an information request under the OIA.

Please select all that apply

- Yes

About you

3. Are you responding:

(Required)

Please select only one item

- as an individual, based on your experience as a homeowner, building owner or member of the public
- as an individual, based on your work experience

- on behalf of a business or organisation
- other

If other, please specify:

About you

3a. Which category or categories best describe your work, business or organisation?

Please select all that apply

- Carpenter, builder or building company
- Electrician or electrical business
- Plumber, gasfitter or drainlayer
- Architect or architectural designer
- Engineer or engineering consultancy
- Quantity surveyor
- Building project management
- Building surveyor, inspector or compliance service
- Specialist building consultant (eg sustainability consultants)
- Specialist trade contractors (eg insulation installers)
- Other building-related trade or profession
- Building product manufacturer
- Building product importer
- Building product supplier
- Property developer
- Property owner
- Landlord
- Industry or professional association
- Consumer, community or public-interest organisation
- Education, training or workforce organisation
- Building Consent Authority – within territorial authority

- Building Consent Authority – other
- Central government agency or regulator
- Real estate
- Insurance
- Banking, property finance or other financial service
- Lawyer or legal services business
- Other

If other, please specify:

3b. Are you a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP)?

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

Part 1: Building work that does not need a building consent

In this part of the survey, we are interested in your experience and views on:

- working out whether building work is exempt
- carrying out, designing, supervising or advising on exempt work
- assuring the quality and safety of exempt work
- documenting or recording exempt work
- dealing with councils, consumers or other participants
- the relationship between Schedule 1 and Schedule 1A
- whether changes should be made to Schedule 1 or Schedule 1A (eg. additions, changes to existing requirements)

4. What works well in relation to building work that does not need a building consent?

Please explain:

- what exemption, activity, process or guidance you are commenting on
- what works well
- why it works well

- any example that illustrates your point.

If you have more than one point, please number each point separately.

Please add your response here:

5. What problems or issues have you experienced or observed?

For each issue, please include, where relevant:

- what the issue is
- what impact it has (eg. cost, delay, duplication, uncertainty, inconsistent outcomes, safety or building quality)
- how often the issue occurs (eg. whether you have observed the issue once or repeatedly)
- a specific example (if relevant).

If you have multiple issues, please number each issue separately.

Please add your response here:

6. What changes, if any, would you recommend?

This could include:

- changing an existing exemption
- allowing additional types of work to be carried out without consent
- providing greater oversight of particular work
- introducing a different form of assurance, such as professional involvement, notification, documentation, certification or targeted inspection
- changing legislation, regulations or processes
- improving guidance, terminology or responsibilities
- addressing an issue you identified earlier.

For each recommendation, please explain:

- the change you propose
- the problem it would address
- who would be affected
- any likely benefits, costs or risks.

If you have more than one recommendation, please number each recommendation separately.

Please add your response here:

Part 2: Other building system comments

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) has led a number of reforms to the building system in recent years. We would like to hear about any other areas where you think change or improvement is needed, including matters that have not been covered by recent reforms.

Topics could include:

- Building product information
- Building fees and levies
- Code Compliance Certificates and other final sign-off processes, including Certificates of Acceptance and Certificates for Public Use
- Change of use requirements
- The Building Code
- Building Consent Authorities
- Licensed Building Practitioners
- Building warrants of fitness and compliance schedules
- Determinations
- How regulatory requirements are interpreted or applied in practice
- Guidance, standards and information
- Accreditation, monitoring and enforcement
- Coordination between different parts of the building system.

This list is not exhaustive. You are welcome to comment on any other aspect of the building system.

7. Do you have any other comments on other parts of the building regulatory system?

For each comment, please explain:

- the part of the system you are commenting on
- what works well or does not work well

- who is affected and how
- what change you would suggest, if any
- an example that illustrates your point (if relevant).

Please number separate matters individually.

Please add your response here:

Contact details

8. What is your name?

(Required)

9. What is your email address?

(Required)

10. What is the name of your business or organisation?