



## **Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Amendment Regulations 2025**

Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, Administrator of the Government

### **Order in Council**

At Wellington this 18th day of August 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council

These regulations are made under section 402(1)(t)(i) of the Building Act 2004—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) on the recommendation of the Minister for Building and Construction.

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**New Part 3 inserted into Schedule 1**

## Regulations

### 1 Title

These regulations are the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Amendment Regulations 2025.

### 2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 22 August 2025.

### 3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006.

### 4 New regulation 7A inserted (Policies and procedures for managing inspections must ensure specified performance requirement is met)

After regulation 7, insert:

#### 7A Policies and procedures for managing inspections must ensure specified performance requirement is met

The policies and procedures that a building consent authority has in place for planning, performing, and managing inspections must ensure that a minimum of 80% of inspections are carried out within the period of 3 working days after the date for inspection requested by the building owner or their agent.

### 5 Schedule 1 amended

In Schedule 1,—

- (a) insert the Part set out in the Schedule of these regulations as the last Part; and
- (b) make all necessary consequential amendments.

## Schedule

### New Part 3 inserted into Schedule 1

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**Part 3**

**Provision relating to Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Amendment Regulations 2025**

**3 Changes do not apply to applications made or audits started before 22 August 2025**

(1) This clause applies to—

(a) an application for accreditation under section 250 of the Act that is made before 22 August 2025:

(b) an audit under section 249(1)(a) of the Act that is started before 22 August 2025.

(2) The building consent accreditation body must determine the application, or conduct the audit, as if the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Amendment Regulations 2025 had not been made.

Rachel Hayward,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

### Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations, which come into force on 22 August 2025, are made under the Building Act 2004 (the **Act**). They amend the Building (Accreditation of Building Consent Authorities) Regulations 2006 (the **principal regulations**).

The principal regulations prescribe the criteria and standards that an applicant must meet in order to be accredited as a Building Consent Authority (**BCA**) under the Act. These include the requirement under regulation 7(1) for a BCA to have policies and procedures in place for performing its building control functions. These policies and procedures must cover a number of specified matters, including (under regulation 7(2)(e)) the planning, performing, and managing of building work inspections.

These regulations amend the principal regulations to include the further requirement that the policies and procedures that a BCA has in place concerning building work inspections must ensure that it carries out a minimum of 80% of inspections within 3 working days after the date for inspection requested by the building owner or their agent.

These regulations insert *new Part 3* into Schedule 1 of the principal regulations, setting out a transitional provision under which the changes made by these regulations do not apply to applications for accreditation made, or audits started, before 22 August 2025.

### **Regulatory impact statement**

The Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment produced a regulatory impact statement on 10 March 2025 to help inform the decisions taken by the Government relating to the contents of this instrument.

A copy of this regulatory impact statement can be found at—

- <https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/30863-regulatory-impact-statement-improving-the-efficiency-of-building-inspections-proactiverelase-pdf>
- <https://www.regulation.govt.nz/our-work/regulatory-impact-statements/>

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