

Council and Professional Services information

Find out what each Alert Level means in the building and construction sector for councils and professional services.

Alert Level 1

At Alert Level 1, councils and professional services can continue as usual, provided health and safety measures are in place.

Alert Level 2

At Alert Level 2, councils and professional services can continue as usual, provided public health requirements are in place. Physical distancing measures are required, but interaction with the public is permitted.

Information on what health and safety measures are required is available at [CHASNZ \(https://www.chasnz.org/covid19\)](https://www.chasnz.org/covid19) or at [WorkSafe \(https://worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-essential-businesses/\)](https://worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/advice-for-essential-businesses/).



Alert Level 3

Where possible, work should continue remotely, with employees working from home. Where work cannot be carried out from home, employees may work onsite, provided appropriate health and safety and physical distancing measures are in place.

Interaction with the public is not permitted until Level 2.

Building and construction site inspections can take place, but with appropriate safety measures in place, and avoiding close interaction where possible. Businesses are encouraged to make use of technology to carry out remote inspections where possible.

Consenting evidence

At their discretion, councils may consider accepting other forms of evidence to be satisfied on reasonable grounds that the work has been carried out in accordance with the building consent; for example, a homeowner or builder may provide photographs of completed work. Homeowners or builders should make prior agreements with council staff about the forms of evidence.

Alert Level 4

At Alert level 4, only [essential services \(https://www.building.govt.nz/covid-19/essential-business/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/covid-19/essential-business/) may be carried out during this time, for example:

- Final inspection to allow a certificate of code compliance to be issued for a hospital.
- Inspections required for a certificate for public use for a hospital or other essential service building.
- Any work that contributes to ensuring building and construction work that is required to maintain human health and safety at home or work.

Where possible Councils should continue to perform their statutory and regulatory functions by working within the COVID-19 Alert Level 4 restrictions. This means operating in a way that minimises the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

[Read about Health & Safety during levels 1-4 \(https://www.building.govt.nz/covid-19/health-and-safety/\)](https://www.building.govt.nz/covid-19/health-and-safety/)

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