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LICENSED BUILDING PRACTITIONER (LBP)

SUMMARY

- From 2009, you must be licensed to do or supervise “restricted” building work.
 - “Restricted work” is likely to include foundations, brickwork, framing, roofing, cladding, and putting in doors and windows.
 - If you are not licensed, any “restricted work” you do must be supervised by a licensed person.
 - To get a licence you will have to show you have a certain level of capability based on:
 - practical experience and /or
 - evidence of qualifications and work to date.
- You will also have to pay a fee.
- There will be different types of licences for design work and construction work.
 - A public online register will list information about licensed people, including contact details and details of any disciplinary breaches.

PROPOSED LICENSING SYSTEM

Major changes to the Building Act 1991 are proposed. These changes aim to improve control of, encourage better practices in, building design and construction so that buildings are designed and built right the first time.

One of the biggest changes is the introduction of a licensing regime for building practitioners.

The goal of the licensing is to improve the quality of building work by:

- Improving the skills of people who do or supervise building work.
- Identifying and holding responsible those who do or supervise building work.
- Helping consumers choose competent building practitioners and
- Providing a complaints and discipline process for consumers dissatisfied with the standard of building work.

Individuals, rather than companies, will be licensed.

HOW TO GET LICENSED

To get licensed you will have to show that you have certain “core capabilities”. These will be based on both qualifications and

experience. If you do not have any qualifications, your experience and skills will be assessed to see if you meet the required level of “core capabilities” for the licence you have applied for. The Registrar will decide who carries out the assessments and will make final decisions on licensing.



You will pay a one-off fee to be assessed when you first apply for a licence and then an annual licensing fee.

Once you are licensed, your name and details will appear on a public online register. This means consumers will be able to choose Licensed Building Practitioners (LBP) to do their building work. Consumers will also be able to see who has been disciplined – and for what – in the last three years.

Licensing won't become compulsory for five years to allow time for those who need to up skill. But you can choose to become licensed earlier if you wish – so long as you meet the required standard for licensing. It is expected that the registry will open for licensing applications by the end of 2006 or the beginning of 2007.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BUILDING PLAN AMENDMENTS

CHANGES To any building plans must be made as an amendment to the Building Consent.

Please be aware of the extra processing time, and that no CCC will be issued unless the original plans have been corrected and approved by BCA.

Next Issue: Licensing System Continued – Proposed Licence Classes - Restricted Work

Informative Websites

BRANZ	www.branz.co.nz
DBH	www.dbh.govt.nz
Building Controls	www.building.govt.nz
Consumer Building	www.consumerbuild.org.nz

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