

1.6 Masonry Trades and Registration of Masons

New Zealand Masonry Trades Association (NZMTA)

The New Zealand Masonry Trades Association was formed in 2016 to provide a single amalgamated body of what had been 14 regional trade associations. Any company that regularly engages and undertakes masonry work may register as a member.

The purpose of the New Zealand Masonry Trades Association is to keep members up to date with legislation or trade information that affects them and to work with members to provide resources to assist in making compliance easier.

Contact details for NZMTA are:

New Zealand Masonry Trades Association
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Brick & Blocklayers' Federation New Zealand Inc. (BBFNZ)

The Federation was originally formed in 1966 and has undergone a series of changes leading to the current organisation.

The structure provides an umbrella for the New Zealand Masonry Trades Association, brick and block manufacturers and distributors, tool and safety gear providers and building companies that specify brick and block products.

The purpose of the Brick and Blocklayers Federation is to protect and promote the industry.

BBFNZ is governed by a seven person board which includes five elected representatives from the New Zealand Masonry Trades Association and two elected representatives from the manufacturing and distributing memberships. The BBFNZ also appoint a Technical Officer to assist in setting technical or workmanship standards.

Contact details for BBFNZ are:

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Registration of Masons

The New Zealand Masonry Trades Registration Board has been providing a registration of skills compliant with meeting requirements of the principal Standards *NZS 4210 Masonry Construction: Materials and Workmanship* and *NZS HB 4236 Masonry Veneer Wall Cladding*

However, this scheme was closed in July 2011 because the Department of Building and Housing have set up an alternative scheme under the title *Licensed Building Practitioner*.

Ever since the setting up of the Registration scheme it has been impossible to secure approvals via New Zealand Standards or the Building Code which would have seen a requirement for trade registration skills to have been a requirement of construction.

After 35 years, the DBH have finally recognized the need to have qualified tradespeople executing the work.

This recognition of trade skills and the compulsory need to become a Licensed Building Practitioner spells the end of the Registration scheme developed in 1974 by the Trade Federation, IPENZ, ACENZ, BOINZ, NZCMA, COWI and others.

See the new Licensing arrangements below.

Bricklaying and Blocklaying Licensed Building Practitioners

There are two areas of practice for the Bricklaying and Blocklaying license:

1. Brick/masonry veneer.
2. Structural masonry.

For Category 1, 2 and 3 buildings it is essential to hold a licence for the appropriate work.

The issuing of a licence is dependent upon a number of principal areas where competency must be shown:

- (a) Demonstrate knowledge of the regulatory environment of the building industry.
- (b) Demonstrate knowledge of current bricklaying and blocklaying practice.

- (c) Plan masonry work.
- (d) Carry out masonry work.

The more detailed competency requirements can be found at <http://www.lbp.govt.nz/lbp/the-board/the-building-practitioners-board/the-lbp-rules>.

Information on who has a current Licensed Practitioner license can be obtained by visiting <https://lbp.ewr.govt.nz/publicregister/search.aspx>.

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