



DIY and licensing of building work



From November 2009 some of the work currently done by DIYers will have to be supervised by a licensed building practitioner.

WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

- More often than not, nothing at all. Most of the work being done by DIYers on their homes can still be done exactly as it is today.
- The only work that will need to be supervised and certified by a licensed building practitioner will be work that substantially impacts on the strength and integrity of your home.

WHAT WILL YOU BE ABLE TO DO WITHOUT A LICENSED BUILDING PRACTITIONER?

DIYers will still be able to do any of the following.

- Work that doesn't need a building consent, for example, painting and decorating, maintenance and repair, low fences, garden sheds, low decks, and installing new kitchen or bathroom joinery or other internal joinery.
- Some work that requires a building consent, including:
 - installing a new external window or door
 - removing or installing an internal structural wall
 - building a structure not intended for human occupation as a residence or workplace, for example, a large garden shed or garage.

WHAT WILL CHANGE?

Work that will need to be supervised and certified by a licensed building practitioner will include building a new house, changing the use of a building, for example, turning a garage into a sleep-out, or major alterations, additions, extensions or renovations.

WHY?

In a nutshell: better homes. Homeowners will have more certainty that critical work on houses they buy has been done to a good standard and is certified by competent and accountable practitioners.

For more information, phone the Department of Building and Housing on 0800 60 60 50 or go to www.dbh.govt.nz