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Licensing and roofers

**If you work as a roofer, then you need to know
about licensing in your sector**



What's licensing about?

The Licensed Building Practitioner Scheme will help ensure that people in the building industry are competent and accountable for the work they do. This is so homes and buildings are designed and built right the first time.

Licensing will promote, recognise and support professional skills and behaviour in the building industry. Licensing was introduced for some designers, builders, site supervisors and carpenters in November 2007.

Licensing will be introduced for roofers, bricklayers and blocklayers, and external plasterers in November 2008.

What's the benefit for me?

Being licensed recognises you as a competent professional, which employers, clients and customers will value. As a licensed building practitioner, your name will be recorded on an online register. This will enable employers, customers and clients to find competent building industry professionals.

Do I need to be licensed?

This is a decision that you need to make, depending on your individual situation. You can choose not to be a licensed building practitioner. However, from November 2010, a licensed practitioner will be required for some kinds of restricted building work. If you are unlicensed this would mean having to be supervised by someone who is licensed.

What information do I have to give?

When you apply, the assessor wants to know if you have skills and knowledge in your chosen area of practice (eg, metal tile roof). The assessor wants to know if you can:

- demonstrate knowledge of the regulatory environment (ie, the Building Act, Building Code, building consents)
- demonstrate knowledge of current roofing trade practice (ie, explain relevant technical terms, construction methods and trade practice)
- carry out planning for roofing work (ie, read and interpret working drawings, order and coordinate materials)
- carry out roofing work.

What will licensing cost?

The fee for being licensed in Roofing will be \$525 (GST included). By paying an additional \$55 (GST included) you can elect to be assessed in more than one area of practice (ie, concrete or clay tile roof, and/or profiled metal roof and/or wall cladding, and/or metal tile roof, and/or roof membrane, and/or torch on

roof membrane and/or liquid membrane roof).

Whether or not you elect to be assessed in more than one area of practice does not affect your licensing ID card – it will show that you are licensed in ‘Roofing’.

Once you are licensed you will pay an annual charge and Board levy of \$195 (GST included).

What about the different types of roofing?

When you apply for the Roofing class, you are asked a series of questions about your work. There are no sub-classes for the different categories of roofing (ie, metal tile, liquid membrane etc). Once you are licensed, you have a professional responsibility to work within your area of expertise.

When does licensing start?

The scheme is being phased in over three years, to give industry time to adjust. Important dates are:

November 2007

licensing introduced for design, site and carpentry

November 2008

licensing introduced for three trade classes



March 2009

licensing introduced for steel structure and concrete structure classes.

What other licensing classes are there?

The table below lays out the range of classes and the work they cover.

IF YOU:	YOU CAN APPLY FOR:
Work on or supervise	
Carpentry on any building	Carpentry
Roofing of any sort	Roofing
External plastering	External plastering
Bricklaying and/or blocklaying	Bricklaying and blocklaying
Supervise	
Concrete construction on commercial building projects	Concrete structure
Steel construction on commercial building projects	Steel structure
Design	
Straightforward houses	Design 1
Moderately complex commercial or residential buildings	Design 2
Large or publicly important buildings	Design 3*
Build	
Straightforward houses	Site 1
Supervise or build	
Moderately complex commercial or residential projects, or aspects of large or complex construction projects	Site 2
Manage the construction of	
Large or complex construction projects	Site 3

* Registered architects and Chartered Professional Engineers are treated as if they are licensed in the Design 3 class by virtue of their own registration schemes.



What should I be doing now?

If you are considering being licensed, you should read the booklet *Is Licensing for Me?* This covers all the details about licensing and what you need to know.

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