

Walls, fences and hoardings

Exterior walls, fences and hoardings up to 2.5 metres high are exempt from the requirement to obtain a building consent.

Platforms (Decks)

The construction or alteration of any platform, bridge, or the like from which it is not possible for a person to fall more than 1.5 metres even if it collapses.

Detached buildings

Does not exceed 1 storey, does not exceed 10 square metres in floor area, and does not contain sanitary facilities or facilities for the storage of potable water, but may contain sleeping accommodation (without cooking facilities) if the detached building is used in connection with a dwelling.

Territorial authority discretionary exemptions guidance

- Any other building work in respect of which the territorial authority (or, as the case requires, the regional authority) considers that a building consent is not necessary for the purposes of this Act because that building work-
- Is unlikely to be carried out otherwise than in accordance with the building code; or
- If carried out otherwise than in accordance with the building code, is unlikely to endanger people or any building, whether on the same land or on other property.

Note: All building design to comply with the following Building code Compliance Documents:

B2 Durability
F4 Safety from Falling
E2 External Moisture
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