

PART ONE

Application for determination

Section 178, Building Act 2004

Part One is equivalent to Form 14 in the Building (Forms) Regulations 2004

Before you apply, please check:

- ☐ **You are legally able to do so** – you must be a ‘party’ to the determination as defined in section 176 of the Building Act 2004 (Building Act) (refer to section D for who can be a party).
- ☐ **The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) can determine your particular dispute** – determinations can only consider whether building work complies with the Building Code, or whether a building consent authority or territorial authority (a council) made the correct decisions in a number of specified circumstances; eg about issuing a building consent or code compliance certificate (refer to section G for what MBIE can determine).
- ☐ **You have the correct form** – This form relates to all other matters that can be determined, but not powers exercised during an emergency or designation under section 133BC (refer to section G for what matters this form is for). Complete application Form 14A for determinations that can consider decisions relating to building affected by emergency and when a designation under section 133BC of the Building Act is in place.

MBIE’s website at: www.building.govt.nz/resolving-problems/ has more information on determinations and links to other options for resolving your dispute. You can also contact the Determinations team at determinations@mbie.govt.nz or **0800 242 243** for more help.



PART A: HOW TO APPLY FOR A DETERMINATION

1. Complete Part One and section L of Part Two.
2. Pay the correct fees via direct credit (section J explains how to do this).
3. Send your completed application, including supporting documents to MBIE, by:
 - a. scanning and emailing them to determinations@mbie.govt.nz, (preferred option) or
 - b. posting a copy to:
Determinations
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140
4. Send a copy of your completed application, including Part Two and supporting documentation, to each of the other parties. The other parties will need to fill in Part Two and return it to us. All parties can send a written response to MBIE setting out their views on the matter in dispute.



**PART B: APPLICANT(S) DETAILS**

Name (include preferred form of address if an individual; eg Mr, Ms, Dr):

Contact person (if more than one applicant or the applicant is an organisation):

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

**PART C: AGENT(S) DETAILS**

Fill in this section if you would like someone else to represent you. That person becomes your agent and we will send all correspondence and copies of documents to them.

You must sign this section if you are appointing an agent.

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I/we appoint the following to act as my/our agent in this determination:

Name:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Signature:

Date:

DAY

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**PART D: THE APPLICANT IS**

Please tick only the boxes that describe you. You may have to tick more than one box; for example, you may be the owner of the building as well as the licensed building practitioner. If none of these are relevant you are not a party under section 176 of the Building Act, so you are unable to apply for a determination.

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The owner of the building

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The territorial authority of the district in which the building is located

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The building consent authority responsible for consenting the building work

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The licensed building practitioner (LBP) concerned with the relevant building work

LBP number

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The recipient of a notice to fix

- ☐ The owner of other property (as defined in section 7 of the Building Act 2004) affected by the building work
(include details of the property so affected: street address and legal description and the provision of the Building Code that requires the property to be protected):

- ☐ The regional authority of the region in which the dam is located
- ☐ A person who has a direct interest in the matter for determination if the matter for determination relates to the provision of access and facilities for persons with disabilities (state the nature of the direct interest):

- ☐ A person or organisation who or that has a right or obligation under any other Act to give written notice to a territorial authority about Building Act matters (state details of the relevant right or obligation):

- ☐ A responsible person (as defined in section 133BB of the Building Act 2004, but not including the people specified in section 177(6) of that Act):



PART E: OTHER PARTIES

Please provide the names and contact details of other parties to the determination. In many cases the only other party is the building consent authority or territorial authority (eg the local council). If you don't have enough room please provide the names, contact details and identify the role of other parties in a separate document and refer to that document here.

You will need to send each party a copy of your completed application, including Part Two and supporting documentation either before or immediately after you lodge your application with MBIE so they know you have applied. Each party can make their own submissions if they want to.

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Copies of this application have been sent to all the parties named below.

The other parties to this application are *(state names and mailing addresses, and email addresses if known)*:

Name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

who is:

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the owner of the building

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the territorial authority of the district in which the building is located, or the building consent authority responsible for consenting the building work

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the licensed building practitioner concerned with the relevant building work

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the regional authority of the region in which the dam is located

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a responsible person (as defined in section 133BB of the Building Act 2004, but not including the people specified in section 177(6) of that Act)

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a person or organisation who or that has a right or obligation under any other Act to give written notice to a territorial authority about Building Act matters

(give details of the relevant right or obligation):

Name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

who is:

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the owner of the building

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the territorial authority of the district in which the building is located, or the building consent authority responsible for consenting the building work

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the licensed building practitioner concerned with the relevant building work

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the regional authority of the region in which the dam is located

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a responsible person (as defined in section 133BB of the Building Act 2004, but not including the people specified in section 177(6) of that Act)

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a person or organisation who or that has a right or obligation under any other Act to give written notice to a territorial authority about Building Act matters

(give details of the relevant right or obligation):



PART F: THE BUILDING (OR DAM)

Fill in only the relevant parts.

Street address (for structures that do not have a street address, state the nearest street intersection and the distance and direction from that intersection):

Legal description of land where the building (or dam) is located (state legal description as at the date of application and, if the land is proposed to be subdivided, include details of relevant lot numbers and subdivision consent. You will find this information on the Certificate of Title):

Building (or dam) name:

Current, lawfully established use (include number of occupants per level and per use if more than one use):

Year first constructed:



PART G: MATTER FOR DETERMINATION

To help us better process your application, tell us in detail about the building work your application relates to. This description should include whether the building work is planned, partly done (and at what stage) or complete. It should also include whether it relates to a new building or alterations. If you don't have enough room please put your description in a separate document and refer to that document here.

This determination application is made in respect to:

Building work that concerns (tick the boxes that describe the building work):

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An alteration to an existing building

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A new building

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A change of use

The building work which is (tick the boxes that describe **the status** of the building work):

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Proposed

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Underway

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Completed

Please tell us in detail about the building work:

Next, in the section below, tell us about the matter you wish to have determined. See Section 177 of the Building Act which describes the matters that can be determined.

In some circumstances, this may include section (a) only, while in others, it may include section (a) as well as one or more items in section (b); tick all the boxes that apply to your circumstances.

Note that Section 177 of the Building Act provides for a determination on the exercise, failure or refusal to exercise, or proposed or purported exercise by an authority of a power of decision. For each applicable item include all the relevant details, including any reasons given by the relevant authority for its decision. If you don't know which of the sections below apply to your issue, please reach out to us for guidance before you apply; providing erroneous or incomplete information may result in unnecessary delays in the processing of your application: determinations@mbie.govt.nz

This application is in relation to the following matters:

Section (a)

☐ Whether the above building work complies with the Building Code.

Please state the relevant Building Code Clause/s:

Tell us how the building work complies/does not comply with the Building Code:

and/or:

Section (b)

☐ The decision of the building consent authority or territorial authority to:

Issue or refuse to issue or fail to issue

A building consent

An amendment to a building consent

A code compliance certificate

A compliance schedule

An amendment to a compliance schedule

A notice to fix

A certificate of acceptance

A waiver or modification of the Building Code

A waiver or modification in relation to means of restricting access to existing residential pools

An exemption from building consent requirements under paragraph (2) of Schedule 1

A certificate for public use

A certificate under section 224(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991

☐ Impose or amend a condition on:

A notice to fix

A compliance schedule

☐ Refuse to allow an extension of the period:

☐ During which the building work must be commenced before the building consent lapses, **or**

☐ During which the authority must decide whether to issue a code compliance certificate

- ☐ [†]Allow/[†]refuse to allow an extension of the period during which the building work in connection with a non-consented small standalone dwelling must be completed before the project information memorandum lapses: (state details of the building work):

- ☐ Exercise its power to require the building work as a result of:

- ☐ An alteration to a building, **or**
☐ A change of use of the building

Issue, refuse to issue or fail to issue a notice in relation to:

A dangerous building

An affected building

An earthquake-prone building

An insanitary building

- ☐ Exercise its powers in relation to a dam
☐ Failure to exercise its powers in relation to a dam



PART H: RELATED APPLICATIONS

You probably won't be required to fill in this section: it is only relevant if we have already received an application for a determination about the same problem or building work. For example, if you are having a problem with a neighbour's building you need to tell us if you know that another neighbour has already applied for a determination.

The following applications have been made and are related to this application (give date of application and name of applicant):



PART I: ATTACHMENTS

Attachments are the documents you provide to MBIE to support your view. Please provide as much information as you can that is relevant to the issue you are applying for. The information and supporting documents provided are important for MBIE to make a determination. If you provide insufficient information and/or MBIE needs to make a request for information, this will result in delays in making a determination.

Attachments may include the following (not all of these will be available or relevant to your determination):

- a submission setting out your views and the background to the dispute; related correspondence; plans, specifications and design calculations; reports and photographs.

If your application relates to a particular decision by an authority, eg to issue a notice to fix, remember to include a copy of this notice and related correspondence.

Your information should be clearly described below, labelled and indexed, where possible. It is also useful if you include a summary of the key points with reference to the supporting documents. If this information is easily understood and complete it helps us assess and process your application.

The following documents are attached to/submitted with this application:

- ☐ a submission setting out my view on the matter
- ☐ a summary of key events/background to the dispute
- ☐ correspondence relating to the building work or the dispute
- ☐ other information that is relevant to support this application: (specify, for example: plans, specifications, photographs or other documents. If you don't have enough room please put your description in a separate document and refer to that document here)

- ☐ I wish to give written/spoken evidence in te reo Māori.

**PART J: FEE**

For single houses, attached houses, flats and apartments up to four units, and garages and sheds, the fee is \$287.50 (including GST).

For all other buildings the fee is \$575.00 (including GST).

An application for determination won't be processed without confirmation of the application fee being received, please provide proof of direct credit payment. This could be a copy of the direct credit payment made.

- ☐ The correct fee has been paid by direct credit to: Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment 03-0049-0005128-00
(include the word 'determination' and your surname/organisation name in the reference fields)
- ☐ I attach proof of payment.

**PART K: SIGNATURE**

Signed by the applicant/agent:

Date:

DAY	MONTH	YEAR

Name and position (only required if the applicant is not an individual and the application is signed by an authorised officer or agent of the applicant):

Before you apply, please check:

- ☐ Completed Part One and section L of Part Two.
- ☐ Paid the correct fee by direct credit, and provided proof of payment.
- ☐ Identified and attached all your supporting documents.
- ☐ Sent copies of your completed application (including the supporting documents) and Part Two to the other parties.

Please contact MBIE on 0800 242 243 or determinations@mbie.govt.nz if you need help completing this form.

Privacy Statement

Personal information provided on this form will be held and used by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for the purposes of administering the determinations process. This includes the publication on MBIE's website of the address of the subject property to which the determination applies, as well as the names of the parties (personal names are by title, initial, and surname). The information you provide may also be used for carrying out customer surveys, service improvement purposes and statistical analysis, and we may occasionally provide your information to third parties to carry out this work on our behalf.

The personal information you supply will not be used for any other reasons unless permitted under the Privacy Act 2020 (eg with your consent or for a directly related purpose). The information may also be provided to third parties where it is required or permitted by law. The information you supply will be provided to all parties named on this form and any other parties or persons with a direct interest identified throughout the determinations process. You can access or correct your personal information held by us at any time.

PART TWO

Party to an application for determination

Kia ora,

You have been sent this information because the person or organisation named below (in section L) has applied to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) for a determination under the Building Act 2004 and has named you as a party to this determination.

As soon as you can please complete the rest of Part Two, sign, and send this form plus any supporting material you want to include (eg a submission and/or other relevant documents) to MBIE either:

- by email to **determinations@mbie.govt.nz** (preferred option), or
- by post to

Determinations
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140

Please also send copies of your completed form and any supporting material to the applicant and any other parties listed in Part One section E.

Thank you – your prompt response helps MBIE to make a decision without delay. It also lets us know that you have received a copy of the application, whether you want to make a submission, and if you prefer to be represented by an agent in any future communications.



PART L: APPLICANT'S DETAILS

This section should be completed by the applicant before sending to the other party/parties.

Applicant or agent's name *(include preferred form of address if an individual; eg Mr, Ms, Dr):*

Mailing address:

Email address:

This determination application is made in respect of the following building work as described in Part One section G *(state details of the building work):*

At the following address *(state address or legal description)*:

OTHER PARTY/PARTIES TO COMPLETE THE REST OF THIS FORM:



PART M: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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I/We have received a copy of Part One and each of the attachments listed in section I of that form.

Name:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:



PART N: APPOINTMENT OF AGENT

Fill in this section if you would like someone else to represent you. That person becomes your agent and we will send all correspondence and copies of documents to them.

You must sign this section if you are appointing an agent.

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I/we appoint the following to act as my/our agent in this determination:

Name:

Mailing address:

Telephone number:

Mobile number:

Email address:

Signed:

(by the party completing this Part Two form)

Date:

DAY

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PART O: SUBMISSIONS AND INFORMATION

Any party to a determination can make a submission on the matter being determined. If the matter involves an exercise of a power of decision by the territorial authority or building consent authority, the authority should provide information relevant to the making of that decision and include related correspondence.

Parties may have different views on the matter being determined and are encouraged to provide documentation that will support their view. This can include such information as correspondence about the dispute, reports, plans and specifications. Attachments should be clearly labelled and referenced in any covering letter or submission outlining your views.

Please tick one of the following:

- ☐ I **want to** make a submission/my submission and supporting information is attached.
- ☐ I wish to give written/spoken evidence in te reo Māori.
- ☐ I **do not want to** make a submission at this time.

Please provide as much information as you can that is relevant to the issue applied for. Any information or submissions provided to MBIE need to be copied to the applicant and any other parties identified in Part One section E.

The following documents are attached to/submitted with this completed form

(list plans, specifications, other documents, and correspondence provided in support of this application):

PART P: SIGNATURE

You must sign and date this form yourself as a party to the determination, even if you have appointed an agent.

Signed:

Date:

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Description of party *(Refer to Part One section E, who can be a party, eg are you the owner, are you the builder, a neighbour, territorial authority etc?)*:

The completed form and attachments can be:

Emailed to:

determinations@mbie.govt.nz

Sent to:

Determinations
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140

Note: DO NOT SEND mail or parcels to 15 Stout Street, Wellington Central, 6011. Use the PO Box indicated above.

Before you apply, please check:

- ☐ Completed Part Two.
- ☐ Identified and attached any supporting documents you want to include.
- ☐ Sent copies of your Part Two (including the supporting documents) to the applicant and any other parties.

Please contact MBIE on 0800 242 243 or **determinations@mbie.govt.nz** if you need help completing this form.