

New Healthy Homes Standards

The Government has introduced new standards to make all rental homes warmer, drier and healthier. This includes your home.

More about the Healthy Homes Standards

Heating

Your home must have a fixed heater that can achieve a minimum indoor air temperature of at least 18°C in the main living room.

Insulation

The ceiling and underfloor insulation in your home must be the right type of insulation for the region where you live.

Ventilation

The ventilation in your home needs to include windows that open in the living room, dining room, kitchen and bedrooms. Your home must also have the right size extractor fan in the kitchen and bathroom/s.

Moisture and drainage

Your home must have gutters, down-pipes and efficient drainage to remove storm water and surface water.

Draught stopping

Any gaps or holes in walls, ceilings, windows, floors, and doors in your home that cause noticeable draughts must be sealed. If your home has an unused chimney and open fireplace, these will also need to be sealed to prevent any draughts.

Other work

To align with World Health Organization recommendations, we are also offering additional heating sources to other parts of your home where you spend time.

What this means for you?

Even though we may have already done work in your home, to make it warm and dry, we may still need to do more work to meet the new Healthy Homes Standards.

When will work start on my home?

As this is a large work programme, work may not start on your home straight away. When work is ready to start on your home, we will contact you.

All Kāinga Ora homes including your home will need to meet these new standards by 1 July 2023.

Need to contact us?

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