

Minor changes to the national planning standards

Number	Minor changes to the standard <i>Deletions shown struck-out</i> <i>New insertions shown <u>underlined</u></i>	Explanation
6. Introduction and General Provisions Standard		
1	<p><i>Direction 17c</i></p> <p>c. For each national policy statement or New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement insert one of the following options in the second column:</p> <p>iii. <u>i.</u> The ['policy statement' or 'plan'] has been reviewed [insert any relevant review dates and references to relevant changes]</p> <p>iv. <u>ii.</u> This national policy statement does not apply to the ['policy statement' or 'plan']</p> <p>v. <u>iii.</u> The ['policy statement' or 'plan'] has not yet been reviewed.</p>	Sequence of alphanumeric numbering corrected and a full stop added to the end of clause iii.
7. District-wide Matters Standard		
2	<p><i>Direction 21</i></p> <p>If the following matters are addressed, they must be located in the <i>Natural features and landscapes</i> chapter:</p> <p>(a) identification of features and landscapes that are outstanding, significant or otherwise valued</p> <p>(b) provisions to protect and manage outstanding natural features and landscapes including from inappropriate subdivision, use and development</p> <p>(c) provisions to manage other valued features and landscapes.</p>	<p>Removed the text 'including from inappropriate subdivision, use and development' consistent with a decision to not directly repeat the words of the RMA and to be consistent with the changes made accordingly to other similar provisions in the draft planning standards.</p> <p>Removal of the reference here to inappropriate subdivision, use and development also avoids councils' confusion about the location of subdivision provisions.</p>
10. Format Standard		
3	<p><i>Direction 4</i></p> <p>Activity status and relevant matters of control or discretion must be located with the specific rule <u>they it apply applies to</u>. <u>Relevant matters of control or discretion must be located with or cross referenced in the rule they apply to.</u></p>	Many councils list matters of control or discretion in a separate table as they apply across several rules. This change allows a table to be cross-referenced rather than set out in full in the rule. This is appropriate and should be provided for in the standards if councils wish to format their plans this way.

4	<p>Direction 34</p> <p>Where schedules are grouped as appendices in the <i>Appendices and maps</i> part, <u>they may be included in a chapter labelled ‘Schedules’</u>. Each schedule grouping must include a descriptive title.</p>	This addition provides clarity for councils regarding how to incorporate schedules in the <i>Appendices and Maps</i> part.
5	<p>Directions 42 and 43 - Examples</p> <p>O1(1)(a)(i) (brackets are optional when the numbering is distributed across policy statement or plan text).</p>	Some wording for the example given for directions 42 and 43 is not clear and has been removed.
6	<p>Table 16</p> <p>Unique identifier</p> <p>EW – Earthworks GEO – Geothermal</p> <p><u>GEO – Geothermal</u></p>	Maintain a vertical list format of unique identifiers in table 16.
7	<p>Table 16</p> <p>Unique identifier</p> <p>NCNATC – Natural character</p>	Some councils noted that plan users may confuse the unique identifier ‘NC’ (used for the natural character chapter) with the acronym ‘NC’ required to be used for ‘non-complying activity’ under direction 5 of this standard.
13. Mapping Standard		
8	<p>Table 19</p> <p>General rural zone</p> <p>RGB: 181, 187, 125 <u>200, 202, 160</u></p> <p>Open space zone</p> <p>RGB: 187 <u>184</u>, 240, 156</p>	The RGB descriptions have been corrected to accurately reflect the zone name colours.
9	<p>Table 19</p> <p>Heavy industrial zone</p> <p>RGB: 132, 0, 168 <u>133, 80, 204</u></p>	The RGB description for the heavy industrial zone is changed so it is distinguishable from the heritage area overlay, heritage item overlay, and the heritage item overlay extent.
10	<p>Table 20</p> <p>Coastal environment overlay</p> <p>Polygon</p>	The addition of the text ‘Fill: None’ in the description column in table 20 will clarify that the corresponding symbols do not require a fill colour.

	<p><u>Fill: None</u> Angle: 90.00 Line width: 1 pts Line separation: 80 pts RGB 28, 103, 148 Outline width: 2 pts</p> <p>Heritage item overlay extent Polygon <u>Fill: None</u> Angle 1: 0, Angle 2: 90 Line width 1 pts Line separation: 5pts RGB 132, 0, 168 Outline width: 1 pts</p> <p>Noise control boundary overlay Polygon <u>Fill: None</u> Angle: 45.00 Line width: 1 pts Line separation: 5 pts RGB 245, 130, 33 Outline width: 2 pts</p>	
11	<p>Table 20 Designation Polygon Fill: None RGB 20, 177, 231</p>	<p>The word “unique” is added to the text ‘Designation identifier’ for consistency with the reference in <i>9 Designations Standard</i>.</p>

Outline width: 1.5 pts Designation <u>unique</u> identifier	
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14. Definitions Standard

Corrections to RMA definitions

12	<p>allotment has the same meaning as in section 218 of the RMA (as set out in the box below)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>(2) <u>In this Act, the term allotment means—</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any parcel of land under the Land Transfer Act 1952 <u>2017</u> that is a continuous area and whose boundaries are shown separately on a survey plan, whether or not— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the subdivision shown on the survey plan has been allowed, or subdivision approval has been granted, under another Act; or (ii) a subdivision consent for the subdivision shown on the survey plan has been granted under this Act; or (b) any parcel of land or building or part of a building that is shown or identified separately— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) on a survey plan; or (ii) on a licence within the meaning of Part 7A subpart 6 of Part 3 of the Land Transfer Act 1952 <u>2017</u>; or (c) any unit on a unit plan; or (d) any parcel of land not subject to the Land Transfer Act 1952 <u>2017</u>. <p>(3) <u>For the purposes of subsection (2), an allotment that is—</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <u>subject to the Land Transfer Act 2017 and is comprised in 1 record of title or for which 1 record of title could be issued under that Act; or</u> (b) <u>not subject to that Act and was acquired by its owner under 1 instrument of conveyance—</u> <p><u>shall be deemed to be a continuous area of land notwithstanding that part of it is physically separated from any other part by a road or in any other manner whatsoever, unless the division of the allotment into such parts has been allowed by a subdivision consent granted under this Act or by a subdivisional approval under any former enactment relating to the subdivision of land.</u></p> </div>	<p>The definition has been amended to accurately reflect the definition of allotment as stated in section 218 of the RMA.</p> <p>Brackets inserted around and end dot removed from all alphanumeric</p>
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	(4) <u>For the purposes of subsection (2), the balance of any land from which any allotment is being or has been subdivided is deemed to be an allotment.</u>	
13	<p>historic heritage has the same meaning as in section 2 of the RMA (as set out in the box below)</p> <p>(a) means those natural and physical resources that contribute to an understanding and appreciation of New Zealand’s history and cultures, deriving from any of the following qualities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) archaeological: (ii) architectural: (iii) cultural: (iv) historic: (v) scientific: (vi) technological; and <p>(b) includes—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) vii historic sites, structures, places, and areas; and (ii) viii archaeological sites; and (iii) ix sites of significance to Māori, including wāhi tapu; and (iv) x surroundings associated with the natural and physical resources. 	<p>Restarting roman numeral numbering for clause b.</p> <p>Brackets inserted around and end dot removed from all alphanumerics</p>
14	<p>network utility operator has the same meaning as in s166 of the RMA (as set out in the box below)</p> <p>means a person who—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) undertakes or proposes to undertake the distribution or transmission by pipeline of <u>natural or manufactured gas, petroleum, biofuel, or geothermal energy; or</u> (b) operates or proposes to operate a network for the purpose of— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) telecommunication as defined in section 5 of the Telecommunications Act 2001; or (ii) radio communication as defined in section 2(1) of the Radio Communications Act 1989; or 	<p>Clause a. of the definition of network utility operator was incomplete and the remaining text has been added.</p> <p>Brackets inserted around and end dot removed from all alphanumerics</p>

	<p>(c) is an electricity operator or electricity distributor as defined in section 2 of the Electricity Act 1992 for the purpose of line function services as defined in that section; or</p> <p>(d) undertakes or proposes to undertake the distribution of water for supply (including irrigation); or</p> <p>(e) undertakes or proposes to undertake a drainage or sewerage system; or</p> <p>(f) constructs, operates, or proposes to construct or operate, a road or railway line; or</p> <p>(g) is an airport authority as defined by the Airport Authorities Act 1966 for the purposes of operating an airport as defined by that Act; or</p> <p>(h) is a provider of any approach control service within the meaning of the Civil Aviation Act 1990; or</p> <p>(i) undertakes or proposes to undertake a project or work prescribed as a network utility operation for the purposes of this definition by regulations made under this Act,—</p> <p>and the words network utility operation have a corresponding meaning.</p>	
15	<p>road has the same meaning as in section 2 of the RMA (as set out in the box below)</p> <p>has the same meaning as in section 315 of the Local Government Act 1974; and includes a motorway as defined in section 2(1) of the Government Roding Powers Act 1989</p> <p>Section 315 of the Local Government Act 1974 road definition:</p> <p>road means the whole of any land which is within a district, and which—</p> <p>(a) immediately before the commencement of this Part was a road or street or public highway; or</p> <p>(b) immediately before the inclusion of any area in the district was a public highway within that area; or</p> <p>(c) is laid out by the council as a road or street after the commencement of this Part; or</p> <p>(d) is vested in the council for the purpose of a road as shown on a deposited survey plan; or</p> <p>(e) is vested in the council as a road or street pursuant to any other enactment;—</p>	<p><u>Definition of road in section 315 of the local government Act.</u></p> <p>Removed alphanumeric f. from before the phrase “and includes”.</p> <p>Applied correct numbering to the clauses that follow.</p> <p>Brackets inserted around and end dot removed from all alphanumerics.</p> <p><u>Definition of motorway in Section 2(1) of the Government Powers Act 1989</u></p> <p>Brackets inserted around and end dot removed from all alphanumerics.</p>

<p>f. and includes—</p> <p>g(f) except where elsewhere provided in this Part, any access way or service lane which before the commencement of this Part was under the control of any council or is laid out or constructed by or vested in any council as an access way or service lane or is declared by the Minister of Works and Development as an access way or service lane after the commencement of this Part or is declared by the Minister of Lands as an access way or service lane on or after 1 April 1988:</p> <p>h(g) every square or place intended for use of the public generally, and every bridge, culvert, drain, ford, gate, building, or other thing belonging thereto or lying upon the line or within the limits thereof;—</p> <p>but, except as provided in the Public Works Act 1981 or in any regulations under that Act, does not include a motorway within the meaning of that Act or the Government Roding Powers Act 1989</p> <p>Section 2(1) of the Government Roding Powers Act 1989 motorway definition motorway—</p> <p>(a) means a motorway declared as such by the Governor-General in Council under section 138 of the Public Works Act 1981 or under section 71 of this Act; and</p> <p>(b) includes all bridges, drains, culverts, or other structures or works forming part of any motorway so declared; but</p> <p>(c) does not include any local road, access way, or service lane (or the supports of any such road, way, or lane) that crosses over or under a motorway on a different level</p>	
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14. Definitions Standard

Changes to non RMA definitions.

Where definitions contain a list, semi colons are used at the end of list items whether or not there is a conjunction (and, or, but) following. Colons are used at the end of the introductory phrase preceding a list.

Brackets have been inserted around all alphanumerics and relevant hyperlinks applied.

16	<p>bore</p> <p>means any hole drilled or constructed in the ground that is used to—;</p> <p>i (a) investigate or monitor conditions below the ground surface; or</p> <p>ii (b) abstract gaseous or liquid substances from the ground; or</p>	<p>Colon replaces em dash at the end of the introduction to the list.</p> <p>Alphanumeric numbering corrected.</p>
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	iii- (c). discharge gaseous or liquid substances into the ground; but it excludes test pits, trenches, soak holes and soakage pits.	
17	building means a temporary or permanent movable or immovable physical construction that is: (a) partially or fully roofed; and (b) is fixed or located on or in land ; but € but excludes any motorised vehicle or other mode of transport that could be moved under its own power.	Commas at the end of list items replaced by semicolons. Redundant 'is' deleted. Layout reconfigured for grammar and meaning.
18	cleanfill area means an area used exclusively for the disposal of cleanfill material .	Missing hyperlink highlighting for the term “cleanfill material” applied.
19	cultivation means the alteration or disturbance of land (or any matter constituting the land including soil, clay, sand and rock); for the purpose of sowing, growing or harvesting of pasture or crops.	Unnecessary comma after the end bracket removed.
20	drain means any artificial watercourse, designed, constructed, or used for the drainage of surface or subsurface water , but excludes artificial watercourses used for the conveyance of water for electricity generation, irrigation, or water supply purposes.	Unnecessary comma after the word “watercourse” removed.
21	earthworks means the alteration or disturbance of land , including by moving, removing, placing, blading, cutting, contouring, filling or excavation of earth (or any matter constituting the land including soil, clay, sand and rock); but excludes gardening, cultivation , and disturbance of land for the installation of fence posts.	Missing hyperlink highlighting of the word “cultivation” applied.
22	educational facility means land or buildings used for teaching or training by child care services, schools, and or tertiary education services, including any ancillary activities .	“and” replaced by “or”.
23	green infrastructure	The gap between the words “storm” and “water” removed and hyperlink applied.

	<p>means a natural or semi-natural area, feature or process, including engineered systems that mimic natural processes, which are planned or managed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) provide for aspects of ecosystem health or resilience, such as maintaining or improving the quality of water, air or soil, and habitats to promote biodiversity; and (b) provide services to people and communities, such as stormwater or flood management or climate change adaptation. 	
24	<p>gross floor area</p> <p>means the sum of the total area of all floors of a building or buildings (including any void area in each of those floors, such as service shafts, liftwells or stairwells), <u>measured</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i-(a) where there are exterior walls, measured from the exterior faces of those exterior walls; ii-(b) where there are walls separating two buildings, measured from the centre lines of the walls separating the two buildings; iii-(c) where a wall or walls are lacking (for example, a mezzanine floor) and the edge of the floor is discernible, measured from the edge of the floor. 	<p>Colon inserted preceding the list.</p> <p>Semi colons placed at the end of each list item except the last one.</p> <p>Alphanumeric numbering corrected.</p> <p>The word “measured” has been removed from each clause and inserted at the end of the introduction to the list to remove repetition.</p>
25	<p>ground level (for the purposes of district plans and the district plan component of combined plans)</p> <p>means—:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the actual finished surface level of the ground after the most recent subdivision that created at least one additional allotment was completed (when the record of title is created); (b) if the ground level cannot be identified under paragraph (a), the existing surface level of the ground; (c) if, in any case under paragraph (a) or (b), a retaining wall or retaining structure is located on the boundary boundary, the level on the exterior surface of the retaining wall or retaining structure where it intersects the boundary boundary. 	<p>Incorrect hyperlink for the term boundary within the definition of ground level (for the purposes of district plans and the district plan component of combined plans) removed</p> <p>Em dash at the end of the introduction to the list removed and replaced with a colon.</p> <p>Semi colons at the end of clauses (a) and (b) added.</p>
26	<p>height in relation to boundary</p> <p>means the height of a structure, building or feature, relative to its distance from either the boundary of a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a site; or 	<p>Semi colon replaces comma at the end of the list item, after the word “site”.</p> <p>Wording change to improve grammar.</p>

	(b) other <u>another</u> specified reference point.	
27	<p>home business</p> <p>means a commercial activity that is:</p> <p>(a) undertaken or operated by at least one resident of the site; and</p> <p>(b) is incidental to the use of the site for a residential activity.</p>	Redundant “is” removed.
28	<p>intensive indoor primary production</p> <p>means primary production activities that principally occur within buildings and involve growing fungi, or keeping or rearing livestock (excluding calf-rearing for a specified time period) or poultry.</p>	Missing highlighting of the hyperlink for the term “buildings” applied.
29	<p>land disturbance</p> <p>means <u>the</u> alteration or disturbance of land, (or any matter constituting the land including, soil, clay, sand and rock), that does not permanently alter the profile, contour or height of the land.</p>	<p>Commas removed from after:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the word “land” 2. the word “including” 3. the end bracket. <p>Missing “the” inserted to improve clarity.</p>
30	<p>landfill</p> <p>means an area used for, or previously used for, the disposal of solid waste. It excludes cleanfill areas.</p>	Missing hyperlink highlighting for the word “areas” applied.
31	<p>net floor area means the sum of any gross floor area; and</p> <p>(a) includes—;</p> <p>(i) both freehold and leased areas; and</p> <p>(ii) any stock storage or preparation areas; but</p> <p>(b) excludes—;</p> <p>(i) void areas such as liftwells and stair wells, including landing areas;</p> <p>(ii) shared corridors and mall common spaces;</p> <p>(iii) entrances, lobbies and plant areas within a building;</p> <p>(iv) open or roofed outdoor areas, and external balconies, decks, porches and terraces;</p> <p>(v) off street loading areas;</p>	<p>Em dashes at the end of phrases that introduce the lists ie, after the words “includes” and “excludes” replaced by colons.</p> <p>Layout reconfigured (clause (a) moved up to the lead phrase) and subsequent alphanumerics adjusted.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vi) building service rooms; (vii) parking areas and basement areas used for parking, manoeuvring and access; and (viii) non-habitable floor spaces in rooftop structures. 	
32	<p>net site area means the total area of the site, but excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any part of the site that provides legal access to another site; (b) any part of a rear site that provides legal access to that site; (c) any part of the site used for access to the site; (d) — (c) any part of the site subject to a designation that may be taken or acquired under the Public Works Act 1981. 	Clause c deleted because it is ambiguous and not in alignment with the definition of “net site area” in most plans.
33	<p>notional boundary means a line 20 metres from any side of a residential unit or other building used for a noise sensitive activity, or the legal boundary boundary where this is closer to such a building.</p>	Incorrect hyperlink for the term boundary removed.
34	<p>operational need means the need for a proposal or activity to traverse, locate or operate in a particular environment because of technical, logistical or operational characteristics or constraints.</p>	Missing hyperlink highlighting of the word “environment” applied.
35	<p>reclamation means the manmade formation of permanent dry land by the positioning of material into or onto any part of a waterbody, bed of a lake or river or the coastal marine area, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) includes the construction of any causeway; but (b) excludes the construction of natural hazard protection structures such as seawalls, breakwaters or groynes except where the purpose of those structures is to form dry land. 	Colon inserted at the end of the introductory phrase preceding the list. Comma at the end of the list item (a) replaced with a semi colon.
36	<p>sign means any device, character, graphic or electronic display, whether temporary or permanent; which</p>	Replace semi colon with a comma after the word “permanent”. Insert colon at the end of the introductory phrase preceding the list (ie, after the word “which”).

	<p>(a) is for the purposes of—:</p> <p>(i) identification of or provision of information about any activity, property or structure or an aspect of public safety;</p> <p>(ii) providing directions; or</p> <p>(iii) promoting goods, services or events; and</p> <p>(b) is projected onto, or fixed or attached to, any, structure or natural object; and</p> <p>(c) includes the frame, supporting device and any ancillary equipment whose function is to support the message or notice.</p>	<p>Insert colon at the end of the introductory phrase preceding the list in clause (a) ie, after the phrase “for the purpose of”).</p> <p>Remove unnecessary comma after the word “any” in clause (b).</p>
37	<p>site (for district plans and the district plan component of combined plans)</p> <p>means:</p> <p>(a) an area of land comprised in a single record of title as per <u>under the</u> Land Transfer Act 2017; or</p> <p>(b) an area of land which comprises two or more adjoining legally defined allotments in such a way that the allotments cannot be dealt with separately without the prior consent of the council; or</p> <p>(c) the land comprised in a single allotment or balance area on an approved survey plan of subdivision for which a separate record of title as per <u>under the</u> Land Transfer Act 2017 could be issued without further consent of the Council; or</p> <p>(d) except that in relation to each of sub-clauses (a) to (c) despite paragraphs (a) to (c), in the case of land subdivided under the Unit Titles Act 1972 or <u>the Unit Titles Act 2010</u> or a cross lease system, a site is is the whole of the land subject to the unit development or cross lease.</p>	<p>Improved wording as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the words “as per” removed and replaced by “under the”. • Unit Titles Act 2010 set out in full. • spelling of Unit Titles Act 1972 corrected • phrase in paragraph (d) replaced for clarity.
38	<p>wastewater</p> <p>means any combination of two or more the following wastes: sewage, greywater or industrial and trade waste.</p>	<p>Missing hyperlink highlighting for the term “industrial and trade waste” applied.</p>
<p>For all definitions:</p> <p>brackets inserted around all alphanumerics and the end dot removed</p> <p>punctuation corrected, and</p> <p>hyperlinks amended, removed and/or applied where relevant.</p>		