



# What do I need to show to get my External Plastering licence?

There are two areas of practice (AoP) for the External Plastering licence:

- External Plastering 1: Solid plastering
- External Plastering 2: Proprietary Plaster Cladding Systems (PPCS).

You can apply to be assessed for an External Plastering licence in one or both areas of practice.

The External Plastering licence class has five competencies that reflect the skills and knowledge required by a competent person to be licensed in this class.

The competencies for the solid plastering area of practice refer to **E2/AS1** and **NZS4251**. If you are applying for the solid plastering area of practice you will need to be able to show that you are competent and experienced in this work.

Your assessor will look for broad evidence of your competence. It is not a tick the box exercise – they want to see whether, overall, you can demonstrate the practical experience, skills and knowledge needed.

## Recognised Qualifications for External Plastering licence

You may use the ‘Qualified Practitioner’ form to apply for an External Plastering licence if you have any of these qualifications:

Solid Plastering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Trade Certificate in Solid Plastering</li> <li>• Certificate of Due Completion of Apprenticeship (Solid Plastering)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Solid Plastering (Level 4)</li> <li>• Trade Certificate in Solid Plastering</li> </ul>
Proprietary Plaster Cladding Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Certificate in Proprietary Plastering Cladding Systems (Level 4) Rebated Fibre Cement</li> <li>• National Certificate in Proprietary Plastering Cladding Systems (Level 4) Lightweight Fibre Cement</li> <li>• National Certificate in Proprietary Plastering Cladding Systems (Level 4) External Insulation Finishing Systems (EIFS)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Proprietary Plastering Cladding Systems (Advanced) (Level 4)</li> </ul>

If you wish to apply for an area of practice that you do not hold a recognised qualification for then you will need to complete a Standard External Plastering application form.



## External Plastering licence class competencies

The following table shows the types of skills and knowledge you need to become licensed External Plastering. People who are doing decorative / aesthetic work such as tidying up concrete foundations, steps, and chimneys may not be able to meet the competencies for the solid plastering area of practice unless they can show that they are also competent at carrying out the work below to **NZS4251** standards.

Competency	Example of skills and knowledge
Demonstrate knowledge of the regulatory environment of the building construction industry	Show your understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the purpose of the Building Act, the Building Code, the Resource Management Act and their relationship with the construction process</li> <li>the key features of the LBP scheme</li> <li>the roles and responsibilities of key parties</li> <li>how external plastering fits in the building consent process</li> <li>the importance of operating within the scope of your competence and recognising when other expertise is needed</li> </ul>
Demonstrate knowledge of current external plastering practice	Show your understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>external plastering technical terms and construction methods</li> <li>how to find and interpret technical information</li> <li>working with other trades on-site</li> <li>safe working practices on site and environmental issues</li> <li>preliminary site set-up requirements</li> </ul>
Carry out planning for external plastering work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>interpret building consent documents, working drawings, specifications, programme schedules</li> <li>order materials</li> </ul>
Work Safely	Show your understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the Health and Safety at Work Act</li> <li>safe working practices onsite</li> <li>working safely</li> </ul>
Carry out external plastering work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>manage environmental issues</li> <li>complying with a building consent if one is issued for the work</li> <li>comply with New Zealand Standards or current PPCS specifications at all times</li> <li>check, prepare, apply and finish plastering work appropriate for the area of practice you are applying for</li> </ul>

If you are a registered plumber or gasfitter, you are already treated as if you are licensed in External Plastering and therefore you cannot apply to be a licensed External Plasterer. You can apply for some other licence classes.