



# What do I need to show to get my Foundations licence

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

- **Foundations 1: Concrete foundation walls and concrete slab-on-ground**
- **Foundations 2: Concrete or timber pile foundations.**

You can apply to be assessed for a foundations licence in one or both areas of practice.

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

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 Foundations licence

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

Concrete foundation walls and concrete slab-on-ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Trade Certificate in Carpentry</li> <li>• Certificate of Due Completion of Apprenticeship (Carpentry or Carpentry Joinery)</li> <li>• Certificate in Concrete Technology (Level 4)</li> <li>• Diploma in Applied Technology (Building)</li> <li>• Trade Certificate in Carpentry</li> <li>• National Certificate in Carpentry</li> <li>• National Certificate in Carpentry (Advanced) (Level 4)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Construction (Leading Hand) (Level 4)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Construction (Supervisor) (Level 5)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Specialist) Sitework (Level 3)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Concrete Construction - Sitework (Level 3)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Placing and Finishing) (Level 3)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Level 4)</li> <li>• New Zealand Certificate in Building</li> </ul>
Concrete or timber pile foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Trade Certificate in Carpentry</li> <li>• Certificate of Due Completion of Apprenticeship (Carpentry or Carpentry Joinery)</li> <li>• Diploma in Applied Technology (Building)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Carpentry</li> <li>• National Certificate in Carpentry (Advanced) (Level 4)</li> <li>• National Certificate in Construction (Leading Hand) (Level 4)</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Certificate in Construction (Supervisor) (Level 5)</li> <li>• New Zealand Certificate in Building</li> <li>• Trade Certificate in Carpentry</li> </ul>
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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 Foundations application form.

## Foundation licence class competencies

The following table shows the types of skills and knowledge you need to become Foundations licensed.

Competency	Examples of skills and knowledge
Demonstrate knowledge of the regulatory environment of the building construction industry	<p>Show your understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the purpose of the Building Act, the Building Code, and the Health and Safety in Employment Act</li> <li>• the key features of the LBP scheme</li> <li>• the roles, responsibilities and work of key parties</li> <li>• how foundation work fits in the building consent process</li> <li>• building compliance documentation about constructing foundations</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 foundation trade practice	<p>Show your understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• foundation terms and construction methods</li> <li>• how to use foundation fixings</li> <li>• working with other trades, profession, and regulatory authorities</li> <li>• safe working practices and environmental issues</li> <li>• preliminary site set-up requirements.</li> </ul>
Plan foundation work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• interpret approved consent documentation</li> <li>• plan and programme foundation construction</li> <li>• order and coordinate material, labour, plant and equipment supply.</li> </ul>
Carry out foundation work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work safely at all times</li> <li>• manage environmental issues</li> <li>• construct foundations, including excavation and pile construction, and complete each stage of foundation work appropriate for the area of practice you are applying for.</li> <li>• arrange additional inspections when required.</li> </ul>