



# 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

- > Advanced Trade Certificate in Carpentry
- > Certificate of Due Completion of Apprenticeship (Carpentry or Carpentry Joinery)
- > Certificate in Concrete Technology (Level 4)
- > Diploma in Applied Technology (Building)
- > Trade Certificate in Carpentry
- > National Certificate in Carpentry
- > National Certificate in Carpentry (Advanced) (Level 4)
- > National Certificate in Construction (Leading Hand) (Level 4)
- > National Certificate in Construction (Supervisor) (Level 5)
- > National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Specialist) Sitework (Level 3)
- > National Certificate in Concrete Construction - Sitework (Level 3)
- > National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Placing and Finishing) (Level 3)
- > National Certificate in Concrete Construction (Level 4)
- > New Zealand Certificate in Building



## CONCRETE OR TIMBER PILE FOUNDATION

- > Advanced Trade Certificate in Carpentry
- > Certificate of Due Completion of Apprenticeship (Carpentry or Carpentry Joinery)
- > Diploma in Applied Technology (Building)
- > National Certificate in Carpentry
- > National Certificate in Carpentry (Advanced) (Level 4)
- > National Certificate in Construction (Leading Hand) (Level 4)
- > National Certificate in Construction (Supervisor) (Level 5)
- > New Zealand Certificate in Building
- > Trade Certificate in Carpentry

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
<i>Demonstrate knowledge of the regulatory environment of the building construction industry</i>	<p>Show your understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; the purpose of the Building Act, the Building Code, and the Health and Safety in Employment Act</li> <li>&gt; the key features of the LBP scheme</li> <li>&gt; the roles, responsibilities and work of key parties</li> <li>&gt; how foundation work fits in the building consent process</li> <li>&gt; building compliance documentation about constructing foundations</li> <li>&gt; the importance of operating within the scope of your competence and recognising when other expertise is needed.</li> </ul>
<i>Demonstrate knowledge of current foundation trade practice</i>	<p>Show your understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; foundation terms and construction methods</li> <li>&gt; how to use foundation fixings</li> <li>&gt; working with other trades, profession, and regulatory authorities</li> <li>&gt; safe working practices and environmental issues</li> <li>&gt; preliminary site set-up requirements.</li> </ul>
<i>Plan foundation work</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; interpret approved consent documentation</li> <li>&gt; plan and programme foundation construction</li> <li>&gt; order and coordinate material, labour, plant and equipment supply.</li> </ul>
<i>Carry out foundation work</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; work safely at all times</li> <li>&gt; manage environmental issues</li> <li>&gt; 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>&gt; arrange additional inspections when required.</li> </ul>