



BCNZ Portal Update – Transition to NCAS Version 2

Building Competency New Zealand (BCNZ) is currently upgrading the BCNZ Competency Assessment Portal from NCAS Version 1 to the May 2026 NCAS Version 2 framework.

MBIE has stated there is no mandatory implementation date, Although BCNZ is progressing the upgrade as quickly as possible to ensure all Version 2 requirements are incorporated into our assessment system.

What Does This Mean for You?

The core competency requirements and Performance Indicators remain largely unchanged, so candidates currently completing Version 1 assessments can continue with confidence.

The updated NCAS Version 2 framework expands recognition of modern building control practices and provides greater flexibility for Building Consent Authorities and building professionals operating in an evolving construction environment.

New Competency Areas Available

BCNZ can incorporate the following Version 2 competency categories into assessments during the transition period:

- Remote Inspections
- Offsite Manufacturing (OSM)
- Modular Component Manufacturing (MCM)
- Hybrid Residential 3 Competencies for Medium Density Housing (MDH)
 - Vertical Fire Separation
 - Horizontal Fire Separation
 - Buildings up to four storeys

Supporting Industry Change

Version 2 reflects the growing use of innovative construction methods and technologies throughout New Zealand's building industry. It provides greater recognition for professionals working with:

- Modern inspection practices
- Digital and remote inspection technologies
- Modular and prefabricated construction
- Medium-density residential developments
- Emerging construction methodologies

BCNZ is committed to ensuring assessors, council BCAs, and industry professionals are well supported throughout this transition.

Current Assessment Status

MBIE has advised that IANZ continues to accept NCAS Version 1 competency assessments while the transition to Version 2 is underway. As NCAS is not currently a mandatory system, there is no disruption to existing competency assessments or certifications.

We will continue to provide updates as further information becomes available.

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