

- If the application includes a wet-back, a plumbing specification and schematic for the hot water cylinder, wet-back and tempering valve is required. Note: all plumbing work must be completed by a Registered Plumber.
- Approved smoke detectors must be installed in or within 3 metres of each sleeping space and in the escape routes on all levels within the household unit.

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INSTALLING A FIREPLACE



Install a solid fuel heater or fireplace

If you are installing a solid fuel heater (like a free-standing wood burner, in-built solid fire place or pellet burner) you need a minor works building consent.

You must have the consent before you install, move or substantially replace the heater to make sure that it is installed properly and is safe to use.

You can do some building work – such as replacing a stainless steel flue, flue outer liner, or any item that can be easily removed (like fire bricks, grates, seals or glass) – under Schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004, which does not require building consent approval.

All work must comply with the Building Code, whether it needs a building consent or not.

Install your solid fuel heater

Once you have your building consent, you can install your solid fuel heating appliance. However, before you use it, we need to inspect the appliance to ensure it's safe for you to use.

Book an inspection

There are two types of inspections available. Type one is for free-standing wood burners, type two for inbuilt wood burners. Free-standing wood burners only need a final inspection. In-built wood burners need two; one before fitting the fire box and a final inspection.

Code compliance certificate

When the final inspection is passed, you apply for a code compliance certificate. This certifies the installed appliance is safe to use and complies with the relevant standards and specifications.

Other authorisations

Wood burners installed on properties under two hectares must comply with the National Environmental Standards for Air Quality under the Resource Management Act 1991. Before purchasing, we recommend you find out whether your appliance is an approved model. You can use the [Ministry for the Environment's searchable list](#) of authorised wood burners.

The application requires the following documentation:

- A full plan of the house showing the location of the burner, sleeping areas, smoke alarms and any sleep out on the property.
- A copy of the manufacturer's specifications and installation instructions for the fire and flue is also required
- Details of proposed flashing of flues (including any alternative solution).