

ACCREDITED SCOPE OF SERVICES

To help ensure a smooth consenting process, the following outlines the types of projects that generally fall within **Building Consent Approvals Ltd (BCAL's)** accredited scope of work.

Building Height

- BCAL can generally process buildings up to **10 meters in height**.

Risk Matrix E2/AS1

- BCAL can generally process buildings up to **Risk Matrix score of up to 16**. At a score of 16, an internal review is triggered by our Technical Lead. We may also consider applications with a Risk Matrix between 17-20 on a case-by-case basis.

Fire Design Requirements

- Fire design and fire ratings are assessed in accordance with the relevant provisions of **C/AS1**.

We can generally process:

- **Vertical fire separations** for developments up to **three storeys**, where:
 - there is one unit between each fire separation; and
 - each unit has its own independent means of escape.
- **Horizontal fire separations** for **two-storey developments**, where:
 - units are located one above the other; and
 - each unit has its own separate means of escape.

Natural Hazard Considerations

- BCAL can generally process applications where land is not affected by a natural hazard as defined under the **New Zealand Building Act**.
- Where natural hazards have been identified, applications may still be able to proceed where appropriate mitigation measures and supporting geotechnical documentation are provided.
- In some cases, matters relating to **Sections 71–74** of the Building Act may require involvement from the relevant Territorial Authority (Council), as these functions sit outside the role of a Building Consent Authority.

Early Engagement

We encourage clients to engage with us early in the design process, particularly for projects that may involve more complex fire design, weathertightness considerations, or site constraints. Early discussions help us provide guidance, confirm suitability within scope, and support a smoother consenting pathway.

THANK YOU for your interest in **Building Consent Approvals Ltd.** We look forward to working with you to improve your consenting experience.