Alternative Solution Application



An alternative solution is all or part of a building design that demonstrates compliance with the New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) but differs completely or partially from the Acceptable Solutions or Verification Methods.

In completing this application, you must provide the Building Consent Authority (BCA) with evidence to show how your proposed alternative solution will meet the performance requirements of the NZBC. Sections 14D and 14E of the Building Act 2004 outline the responsibilities of a designer and builder to design and carry out building work which will comply with the NZBC.

The BCA will only approve an alternative solution once it is satisfied, on reasonable grounds that the proposal will meet the performance requirements of the NZBC that are applicable to the proposal. In approving an alternative solution, the BCA may require additional inspections, monitoring, or documentation to support the building work associated with the alternative solution.

More information can be found at:

https://www.building.govt.nz/building-code-compliance/how-the-building-codeworks/different-ways-to-comply/alternative-solutions/

*Required Field				
Scope and Details of Proposed Alternative Solution				
* Address of Proposed Alternative Solution				
* Description and Scope of Proposed Alternative Solution				

* The following clauses of the Building Code and Building Code Performance requirements are applicable to this proposed Alternative Solution (your proposal may affect multiple codes; ensure you have selected them all)

B1	Structure	F1	Hazardous Agents on Site	G5	Interior Environment
B2	Durability	F2	Hazardous Building Materials	G6	Airborne & Impact Sound
C1	Objectives of Clauses C2-C6	F3	Hazardous Substances & Processes	G7	Natural Lighting
C2	Prevention from Fire Occurring	F4	Safety from Falling	G8	Artificial Light
C3	Fire Affecting Areas Beyond the Source	F5	Construction & Demolition Hazards	G9	Electricity
C4	Movement to a Place of Safety	F6	Visibility in Escape Routes	G10	Piped Services
C5	Access & Safety for Firefighting Operations	F7	Warning Systems	G11	Gas as an Energy Source
C6	Structural Stability	F8	Signs	G12	Water Supplies
D1	Access Routes	F9	Restricting Access to Residential Pools	G13	Foul Water
D2	Mechanical Installations for Access	G1	Personal Hygiene	G14	Industrial Liquid Waste
E1	Surface Water	G2	Laundering	G15	Solid Waste
E2	External Moisture	G3	Food Preparation & Prevention of Contamination	H1	Energy Efficiency
E3	Internal Moisture	G4	Ventilation		

* Applicable Building Code Performance Requirements

(e.g. Proposed Alternative Solution for all window flashing details, Clauses B2.3.1, E2.3.2, E2.3.5, E2.3.7)

Supporting Evidence							
	* Please note and attach all supplementary evidence that you are providing the BCA in support of your proposed Alternative Solution						
	Expert opinion, e.g., a weather tightness report from a member of the New Zealand Institute of Building Surveyors						
	Manufacturer's site-specific compliance assessment or supporting documentation.						
	Comparison with an Acceptable Solution, BRANZ appraisal, CodeMark or similar						
	Comparison with a system, method previously accepted by a BCA (provide stamped approved details, consent number and approving BCA)						
	In-service history		Calculations or test method				
	Comparison with MBIE determination		Producer statement				
	Peer review		Product technical statements				
	Other (provide details)						

Declaration							
Complete this section if you did not note the alternative solution in the means of compliance section on the Form 2 application for building consent.							
In signing this form, I acknowledge that I have the owner's approval to act on their behalf and that they are aware of this application for an alternative solution.							
* Name	LBP Number (if applicable)						
* Signature	* Date						

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Building Consent Number		Proposal I	has been	Accepted		Declined			
OSCAR	Existing	New	N/A						
Reason for acceptance/refusal									
Reviewing Officer Name			Date						