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**Acceptable Solution for
Backcountry Huts**



Using this Acceptable Solution

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment may amend parts of this Acceptable Solution at any time. People using this Acceptable Solution should check on a regular basis whether new versions have been published. The current version can be downloaded from www.dbh.govt.nz/compliance-documents

Users should make themselves familiar with the preface to the New Zealand Building Code Handbook, which describes the status of Acceptable Solutions and explains other ways of achieving compliance.

Defined words (italicised in the text) are explained in the Building Code Clause A2 and in the Definitions section of this Acceptable Solution. Classified uses of buildings are explained in the Building Code Clause A1.

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Status of BCH/AS1

This Acceptable Solution for Backcountry Huts provides a means of compliance with the New Zealand Building Code. It is issued under section 22 of the Building Act 2004 as an Acceptable Solution.

This Acceptable Solution is one way that can be used to show compliance with the New Zealand Building Code. Other ways of complying with the Building Code are described, in general terms, in the preface of the New Zealand Building Code Handbook.

When can you use BCH/AS1

This Acceptable Solution is effective from 1 July. It can be used to show compliance with the Building Code. It does not apply to building consent applications submitted before 1 July 2014.

The previous version of this Acceptable Solution can be used to show compliance with the Building Code until 18 June 2014. It can be used for building consent applications submitted before 19 June 2014.

Backcountry huts: Document History		
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Acceptable Solution BCH/AS1

1.0 Scope

This Acceptable Solution applies to *backcountry huts*. Using this Acceptable Solution establishes compliance with all the relevant Building Code clauses for the design and construction of *backcountry huts*.

2.0 Backcountry Huts

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2.0.1 The Hut Procurement Manual for Backcountry Huts as amended by Paragraph 2.0.9 is an Acceptable Solution for the design and construction of *backcountry huts*.

2.0.2 The Hut Procurement Manual for Backcountry Huts is divided into seven parts:

- Part A: 2 Bunk Huts
- Part B: 4-12 Bunk Huts
- Part C: Larger Huts
- Part D: Fire Safety
- Part E: Construction Details
- Part F: Toilets and Grey Water
- Part G: Specifications

2.0.3 Dependent on the size of the hut, detailed information is included in parts A, B and C on the process to be followed and the compilation of the necessary information for the design, documentation and procurement of the hut.

2.0.4 For 2 bunk huts, in addition to Part A, the following parts are to be used –

- Part F for toilets and grey water

2.0.5 For 4 -12 bunk huts, in addition to Part B, the following parts are to be used –

- Part E for construction details
- Part F for toilets and grey water
- Part G for specifications

2.0.6 For larger huts with a sleeping capacity of more than 12, in addition to Part C, the following parts are to be used –

- Part D for fire safety
- Part E for construction details
- Part F for toilets and grey water
- Part G for specifications

2.0.7 The process that is followed for larger huts, in particular the application of Part D, will also be applicable for:

- huts with a sleeping capacity of 12 or less that are not derived from the base drawings included in the manual
- huts that include staff quarters.

2.0.8 A certificate from the Director-General of the Department of Conservation, or their delegated representative, must be provided with the building consent application stating that the proposed hut is in a location that wheelchair users are unlikely to be able to visit.

2.0.9 Replace the Hut Procurement Manual paragraph D2.3.3i) with:

2.3.3 Interior Surface Finishes

- i) The interior surface finishes for walls and ceilings of huts shall be plywood or other wood-based products either left natural or finished with a water-based coating. If other materials are used their surface finish shall have a Group Number of no greater than 3.

Comment:

Users of this Acceptable Solution and the Hut Procurement Manual should note that the requirements specified are deemed to comply with the requirements of the Building Code, particularly in the case of Code Clauses C1 to C6.

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