

Compliance Document for New Zealand Building Code Clause G2 Laundering

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New Zealand Building Code

Clause G2 Laundering

This Clause is extracted from the New Zealand Building Code contained in the First Schedule of the Building Regulations 1992.

1992/150	Building Regulations 1992	55
FIRST SCHEDULE—continued		
Clause G2—LAUNDERING		
Provisions	Limits on application	
OBJECTIVE		
G2.1 The objective of this provision is to ensure:		
(a) <i>Adequate amenities</i> for people to do laundering, and		
(b) That <i>people with disabilities</i> are able to carry out normal activities and processes within <i>buildings</i> .		
Objective G2.1(b) shall apply to those <i>buildings</i> to which section 47A of the Act applies.		
FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENT		
G2.2 <i>Buildings</i> shall be provided with <i>adequate</i> space and facilities for laundering.		
Requirement G2.2 shall apply only to <i>Housing</i> , old people's homes, early childhood centres, camping grounds and work camps.		
PERFORMANCE		
G2.3.1 Facilities shall have capacity for the <i>intended use</i> , and consist of <i>fixtures</i> , or space and services for appliances.		
G2.3.2 Space shall be <i>adequate</i> in size to provide for the installation and use of <i>fixtures</i> or appliances.		
G2.3.3 Space and facilities shall be provided within each accommodation unit or may be grouped elsewhere in a convenient location.		
G2.3.4 <i>Accessible</i> facilities shall be provided for <i>people with disabilities</i> .		
Performance G2.3.4 shall apply only to camping grounds.		

Note: Section 47A is in the Building Act 1991. The equivalent section in the Building Act 2004 is section 118.

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References

For the purposes of New Zealand Building Code (NZBC) compliance, the Standards and documents referenced in this Compliance Document (primary reference documents) must be the editions, along with their specific amendments, listed below. Where these primary reference documents refer to other Standards or documents (secondary reference documents), which in turn may also refer to other Standards or documents, and so on (lower-order reference documents), then the version in effect at the date of publication of this Compliance Document must be used.

Amend 2
Oct 2011

Standards Association of Australia

Amend 2
Oct 2011

AS 1229: 2002 Laundry troughs

Where quoted

AS1 1.0.3

Definitions

This is an abbreviated list of definitions for words or terms particularly relevant to this Compliance Document. The definitions for any other italicised words may be found in the New Zealand Building Code Handbook.

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Accessible Having features to permit use by *people with disabilities*.

Adequate *Adequate* to achieve the objectives of the *building code*.

Amenity An attribute of a *building* which contributes to the health, physical independence, and well being of the *building's* users but which is not associated with disease or a specific illness.

Building has the meaning given to it by sections 8 and 9 of the *Building Act 2004*.

Discharge pipe Any pipe that is intended to convey discharge from *sanitary fixtures* or *sanitary appliances*.

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Oct 2011

Fixture An article intended to remain permanently attached to and form part of a *building*.

Intended use in relation to a *building*,—

(a) includes any or all of the following:

- (i) any reasonably foreseeable occasional use that is not incompatible with the *intended use*;
- (ii) normal maintenance;
- (iii) activities undertaken in response to *fire* or any other reasonably foreseeable emergency; but

(b) does not include any other maintenance and repairs or rebuilding.

Person with a disability means a *person* who has an impairment or a combination of impairments that limits the extent to which the *person* can engage in the activities, pursuits, and processes of everyday life, including, without limitation, any of the following:

- (a) a physical, sensory, neurological, or intellectual impairment;
- (b) a mental illness.

Amend 1
Jul 2001

Amend 2
Oct 2011

Socket outlet An accessory fixed to a wall or ceiling and designed to accept a plug that extends the electrical supply to an appliance by means of a flexible cable.

Water seal The depth of water that can be retained in a *water trap*.

Water trap A fitting designed to retain a depth of water that prevents foul air and gases escaping from the *plumbing system* or *foul water drainage system* and entering a *building*.

Amend 1
Jul 2001

Verification Method G2/VM1

No specific test methods have been adopted
for verifying compliance with the Performance
of NZBC G2.

Acceptable Solution G2/AS1

1.0 Laundering Facilities

1.0.1 Laundering facilities shall be provided with:

- a) A laundry tub, or
- b) Space and service connections for a washing machine.

1.0.2 A laundry tub shall:

- a) Have a capacity to spill-level of no less than 35 litres, and
- b) Be capable of fully containing a solid cylinder of 400 mm diameter and 200 mm depth.

COMMENT:

This provision allows for the filling or washing of containers such as buckets.

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Oct 2011

1.0.3 Another Acceptable Solution

Laundry tubs complying with AS 1229 are acceptable, but exceed the requirements given in Paragraph 1.0.2.

1.1 Service connections

1.1.1 A tub shall be provided with a cold water supply.

1.1.2 Space provided for a washing machine shall have a cold water supply, a *discharge pipe*, a *water trap*, and an adjacent 10 amp *socket outlet*.

1.1.3 Plumbing and drainage for waste water from the tub and washing machine *discharge pipe* shall be provided as required by NZBC G13 "Foul Water".

COMMENT:

NZBC G9 "Electricity", G12 "Water Supply", and G13 "Foul Water" are also relevant to laundering facilities.

1.2 Accessibility

1.2.1 Laundry floor space shall be no less than shown in Figure 1.

1.2.2 Where laundry facilities are intended for **people with disabilities**, space to allow a turning circle of 1500 mm shall be provided in front of the laundry tub or washing machine, as shown in Figure 2.

COMMENT:

The washing machine space dimensions allow for a range of popular machines. Designers should check current models and increase the size if necessary.

Figure 1: Minimum Dimensions for Laundry Accessibility
Paragraph 1.2

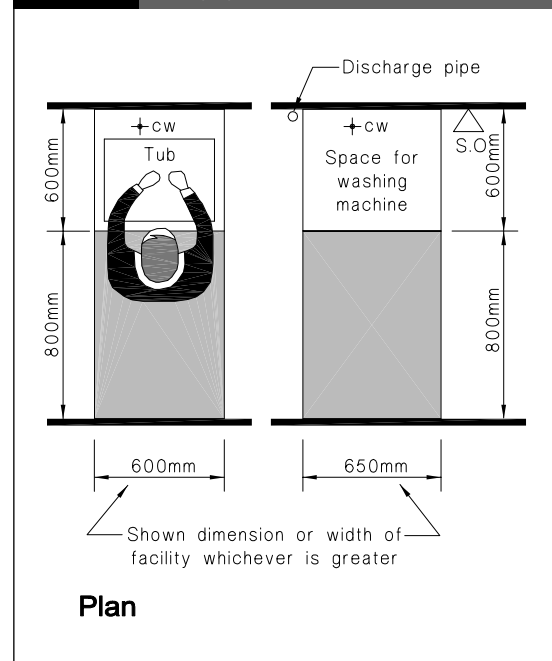
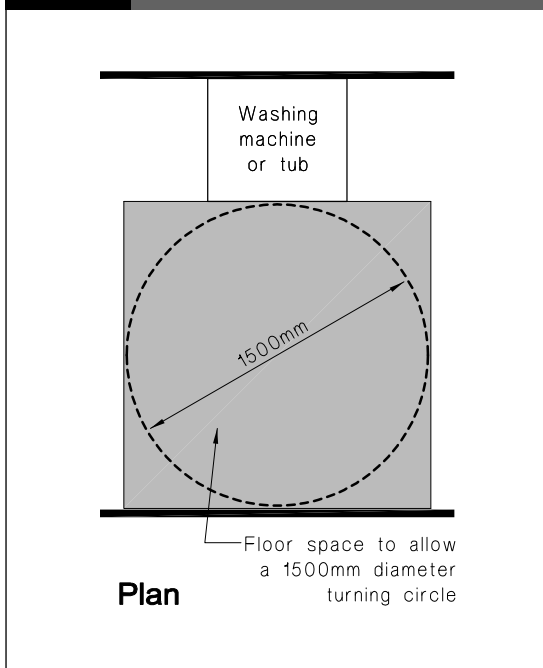


Figure 2: Minimum Dimensions for Laundry Accessibility for People with Disabilities
Paragraph 1.2.2



1.3 Number of facilities

1.3.1 Laundering facilities shall be provided according to the number of people being serviced. Acceptable provisions are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Provision of Laundering Facilities
Paragraph 1.3.1

Defined use	Number required
Detached dwelling or separate household unit to accommodate no more than 2 people	Nil
Detached dwelling or separate household unit to accommodate 3 or more people, and early childhood centres	1
Group dwelling, old people's homes, and work camps	1 per 20 people
Multi-unit dwellings (common laundry space)	1 per 4 dwelling units
Camping grounds	1 per 70 people

Index G2/VM1 & AS1

All references to Verification Methods and Acceptable Solutions are preceded by **VM** or **AS** respectively.

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Laundries	AS1 1.0
another Acceptable Solution	AS1 1.0.3
capacity	AS1 1.0.2 a)
electricity supply	AS1 1.1.2
minimum dimensions	AS1 1.2.1, Figure 1
number of facilities	AS1 1.3.1, Table 1
size	AS1 1.0.2 b)
tubs	AS1 1.0.1 a), 1.0.2, 1.1.1
washing machines	AS1 1.0.1 b), 1.1.2
water supply	AS1 1.1.1, 1.2
People with disabilities	AS1 1.2.2, Figure 2

