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## RELATED DOCUMENTS

Reference is made in this standard to the following:

### New Zealand standards

NZS 3109:1997	Concrete construction
NZS 3124:1987	Specification for concrete construction for minor works
NZS 3603:1993	Timber structures standard
NZS 3604:2011	Timber-framed buildings
NZS 4210:2001	Masonry construction: Materials and workmanship
NZS 4251:- - -	Solid plastering
Part 1:2007	Cement plasters for walls, ceilings and soffits
NZS 4297:2020	Engineering design of earth building
NZS 4299:2020	Earth buildings not requiring special engineering design
NZS 4402:- - -	Methods of testing soils for civil engineering purposes – Soil compaction tests – Determination of the dry density/ water content relationship
Test 4.1.1:1986	New Zealand standard compaction test
NZS 7601:1978	Specification for polyethylene pipe (Type 3) for cold water services

### Joint Australian/New Zealand standards

AS/NZS 1170:- - -	Structural design actions
Part 0:2002	General principles
AS/NZS 1547:2012	On-site domestic wastewater management
AS/NZS 2053:- - -	Conduits and fittings for electrical installations –
Part 1:2001	General requirements (Reconfirmed 2016)
AS/NZS 4671:2001	Steel reinforcing materials

### Australian standard

AS 3700:2018	Masonry structures
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### British standard

BS EN ISO 10319:2015	Geosynthetics – Wide width tensile test
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## Other publications

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## New Zealand legislation

Building Act 2004

New Zealand Building Code

## LATEST REVISIONS

The users of this standard should ensure that their copies of the above-mentioned New Zealand standards are the latest revisions. Amendments to referenced New Zealand and Joint Australian/New Zealand standards can be found on [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz).

## REVIEW OF STANDARDS

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