

# 8 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT HEALTHY HOMES STANDARDS



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## STANDARDS ARE NZ LAW

Introduced under the Residential Tenancies Act, minimum requirements are set across six standards. All rentals must comply.



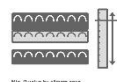
## FIVE STANDARDS TO BE MET

The five standards cover: heating, insulation, ventilation, moisture and drainage, draught stopping. A property must meet all five to be compliant.



## FIXED HEATER OF SIZE

Landlords must provide a fixed heating device capable of heating the main living room to at least 18°C on a cold winter's day. Portable plug-in heaters do not satisfy this requirement.



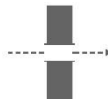
## INSULATION MEETS CODE

Rentals must have ceiling and underfloor insulation that meets or exceeds 2008 Building Code requirements, or the minimum R-values specified in the standards. Insulation must also be in reasonable condition.



## VENTILATION

Extractor fans must be installed in kitchens and bathrooms, venting to the outside. Rangehoods that just recirculate air do not meet the standard. Must have openable windows or doors in key rooms.



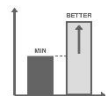
## DRAUGHT STOPPING

Rentals cannot have unreasonable gaps or holes in walls, ceilings, windows, skylights, floors and doors which cause noticeable draughts.



## MOISTURE & DRAINAGE

Rentals must have efficient drainage for the removal of storm, surface and ground water. A ground moisture barrier must be installed if it is possible to do so.



## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

A property can comply with these standards but still be cold, damp and uncomfortable. While these standards set a good baseline, a truly warm, dry, healthy home typically goes well beyond what the law requires.

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