

What is this Contract for and who should use it?

The Boxes, subsequent general conditions, any special conditions (see Schedule 1), Schedules and Appendices as well as this introduction form the Contract.

This Standard is a type of building Contract for use by Persons (called the Owner) who want to engage a Builder to build their house, undertake Building Work of a simple nature or undertake alterations (called the Building Work). Although house construction is expected to be the main use of this Contract, the Contract refers only to "the Building Work" so it can be used without amendment for additions and alterations to existing structures and any other small Building Work, such as a garage, a farm building or small, commercial premises. This Contract must not be used as a labour-only Contract.

This Contract should not be used where the Owner has a professional expert design the Building Work and administer the Contract. In such cases the appropriate Standard is the New Zealand Standard Contract NZS 3910.

Where the Building Work is to be carried out on Land to be purchased by the Owner from the Builder, a separate sale and purchase agreement must be attached to this Contract.

Appendix A sets out a flow chart of the typical steps used in a construction contract.

If any disagreement arises between Builder and Owner see Section 16 of this Standard Contract. No kind of direct action, such as refusing a payment or stopping construction should be taken, without first obtaining professional advice.