

## Standards – as agreed



**Follow good practice** – with standards in place you ensure good practice and efficiency.



**Competitive edge** – go beyond the minimum standard for competitive edge.



**Foster innovation** – performance-based standards encourage innovative solutions.



**Ease and efficiency** – documented processes manage risk and support consistency, reliability and interoperability.



**Establish trust and credibility** – secure consumer confidence with assurance that services and products are reliable and good quality.



**Keep people safe and improve well-being** – reduce accidents and injuries, ensure safe and reliable products and services.

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## What does Standards New Zealand do?

As New Zealand's national standards body we:

- lead development of standards and standards-based solutions
- bring together relevant stakeholders to tailor consensus-based standards solutions that are practical, relevant, and widely recognised and supported
- sell and enable access to New Zealand, joint Australian/New Zealand, and international standards
- coordinate New Zealand's representation in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) committees.

### Talk to us if you are interested in:

- developing a standard or reviewing a standard
- getting access to standards
- taking part in a standards development committee.

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# Standards at the heart of local government

Improving standards  
for a better New Zealand

## Standards – helping build our communities

The challenges that local government face now and into the future, are complex across multiple sectors: from the built environment, local production, water quality and waste to health and safety, tourism, infrastructure and the environment. When local decisions need to provide consistency and confidence across not only community but districts, regions and the nation, standards help create the building blocks of good policy and process. There are standards that can be integrated through every social, cultural, economic and environmental decision.

There are thousands of New Zealand or international standards that can help, and where there aren't, we can help you develop solutions for your distinct community needs.

## Who benefits from standards?

**Councils and authorities** – Using standards can demonstrate a commitment to consistency across regions, and transparency to ratepayers. Standards put efficiency, resilience, safety and good practice at the heart of decision-making.

**Service providers** – Incorporating good-practice test methods and processes, standards can provide competitive edge, help you meet and surpass council requirements and establish trust and confidence.

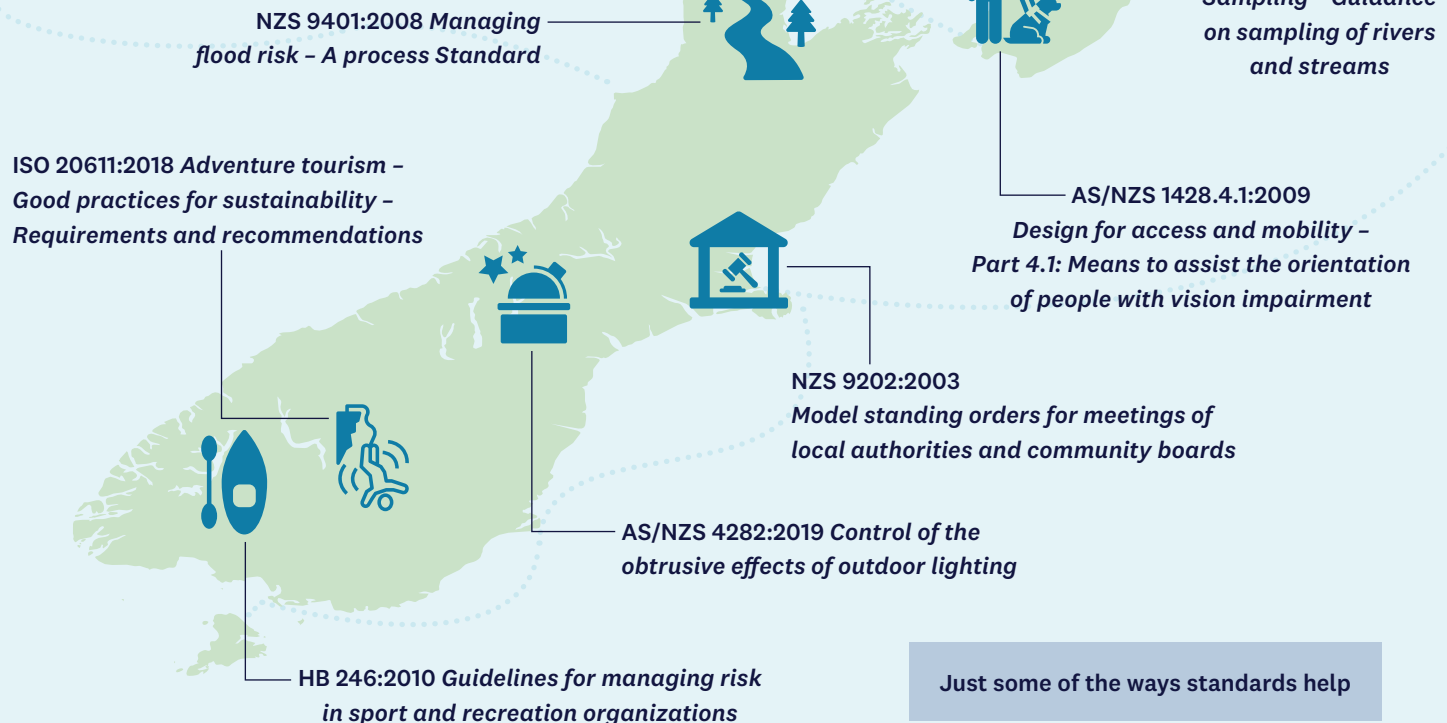
**Communities** – When standards are integrated throughout every aspect of community needs residents can feel confident, safer and more content.

### Are you an industry expert?

Be at the forefront of standards development and revision, building professional national or international networks and shaping best practice, as a participant on a standards development committee.

**'Don't reinvent the wheel. When interacting with authorities, New Zealanders want consistency and the confidence that comes from standards underpinning decision-making.'**

Dr Mick Kearney, National Coastal Safety Manager, Surf Life Saving New Zealand



Just some of the ways standards help