



# WEATHERTIGHTNESS RISK MATRIX INFORMATION / PROCESSING SHEET

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**(In conjunction with BA Form 2)**

**PROJECT LOCATION**

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

**ESTABLISHING THE RISK**

A risk assessment of the proposed design shall be carried out, using a building envelope risk matrix. This allows the risks related to various features to be aggregated, resulting in a risk score for the design.

Figure 1 shows the process that shall be followed in order to assess the risk.

**FIGURE 1**

**How to Assess Risk**  
Paragraph 3.1

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Step One:</b> Obtain detailed drawings. <i>Suitably detailed drawings are required to assess weathertightness risk. This documentation may include a site plan, floor plans, elevations, details of junctions and penetrations, and the presence of features like decks and pergolas.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Step Two:</b> Assess each external face against risk factors. <i>Assess the drawings for each external face to determine the risk score for each risk factor. These are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wind zone</b></li> <li>• <b>Number of storeys</b></li> <li>• <b>Roof/wall intersection design</b></li> <li>• <b>Eaves width</b></li> <li>• <b>Envelope complexity</b></li> <li>• <b>Deck design</b></li> </ul> <i>(Table 1)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Step Three:</b> Complete the building envelope risk matrix table. <i>Complete the "Building envelope risk matrix" (Table 2) for each face of the building.</i> <i>Note : It is possible for different elevations to have different risk scores.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Step Four:</b> Determine suitable cladding. <i>To determine what cladding types are recommended with the risk score for each face. (Table 3)</i> <i>The cladding selected must be appropriate for the score on that face, but can be beyond the minimum required (ie cladding suitable for a higher score can be used).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**WALL CLADDINGS**

The following wall cladding systems are covered in the Acceptable Solution: (E2/AS1)

a) Masonry Veneer ..... Paragraph 9.2	e) Profiled Metal Wall Claddings ..... Paragraph 9.6
b) Stucco ..... Paragraph 9.3	f) Fibre Cement Sheet ..... Paragraph 9.7
c) Timber Weatherboards ..... Paragraph 9.4	g) Plywood Sheet ..... Paragraph 9.8
d) Fibre Cement Weatherboards ..... Paragraph 9.5	h) EIFS ..... Paragraph 9.9

Other wall claddings are beyond the scope of the Acceptable Solution.

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## DEFINITIONS OF RISK

Table 1 sets out the definitions of risk levels relating to the location and design features of the building.

Table 1:		Definitions of risk Paragraph 3.1.1, Figure 1	
<b>A: Wind zone</b>	<b>Low risk</b>	Low wind zone as described by NZS 3604	
	<b>Medium risk</b>	Medium wind zone as described by NZS 3604	
	<b>High risk</b>	High wind zone as described by NZS 3604	
	<b>Very high risk</b>	Very high wind zone as described by NZS 3604	
<b>B: Number of storeys</b>	<b>Low risk</b>	One storey	
	<b>Medium risk</b>	Two storeys in part	
	<b>High risk</b>	Two storeys	
	<b>Very high risk</b>	More than two storeys	
<b>C: Roof/wall intersection design</b>	<b>Low risk</b>	Roof-to-wall intersection fully protected (eg hip and gable roof with eaves)	
	<b>Medium risk</b>	Roof-to-wall intersection partly exposed (eg hip and gable roof with no eaves)	
	<b>High risk</b>	Roof-to-wall intersection fully exposed (eg parapets, enclosed balustrades or eaves at greater than 90° to vertical with soffit lining)	
	<b>Very high risk</b>	Roof elements finishing within the boundaries formed by the exterior walls (eg lower ends of aprons, chimneys, dormers etc)	
<b>D: Eaves width <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Low risk</b>	Greater than 600mm for single storey	
	<b>Medium risk</b>	451-600mm for single storey, or over 600mm for two storey	
	<b>High risk</b>	101-450mm for single storey, or 451-600mm for two storey, or greater than 600mm above two storey	
	<b>Very high risk</b>	0-100mm for single storey, or 0-450mm for two storey, or less than 600mm above two storey	
<b>E: Envelope complexity</b>	<b>Low risk</b>	Simple rectangular, L, T or boomerang shape, with single cladding type	
	<b>Medium risk</b>	More complex, angular or curved shapes (eg Y or arrowhead) with no more than two cladding types	
	<b>High risk</b>	Complex, angular or curved shapes (eg Y or arrowhead) with multiple cladding types	
	<b>Very high risk</b>	As for High risk, but with junctions not covered in C or F of this table (eg box windows, pergolas, multi-storey re-entrant shapes etc)	
<b>F: Deck design<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Low risk</b>	None, timber slat deck or porch at ground level	
	<b>Medium risk</b>	Fully covered in plan by roof, or timber slat deck attached at first or second floor level	
	<b>High risk</b>	Enclosed deck exposed in plan or cantilevered at first floor level	
	<b>Very high risk</b>	Enclosed deck exposed in plan or cantilevered at second floor level or above	
<b>Notes:</b>			
(1) Eaves width measured horizontally from external face of wall cladding to outer edge of overhang, including gutters and fascias.			
(2) Balustrades and parapets count as 0mm eaves.			
(3) The term deck includes balconies, as described in the Definitions.			

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## THE RISK SCORE

Table 2 sets out the risk matrix that shall be used to define the risk score for a building within the scope of the Acceptable Solution.

A risk score is calculated for each elevation of the building. Claddings are then selected from Table 3 according to the risk scores, or the highest risk score may be used for all walls.

**Table 2:** Building envelope risk matrix  
Paragraph 3.1.2, Figure 1

Elevation or Wall	Risk Severity								Subtotals for each risk factor
	Low	Score	Medium	Score	High	Score	Very High	Score	
Wind zone (per NZS 3604)	0		0		1		2		
Number of storeys	0		1		2		4		
Roof/wall intersection design	0		1		3		5		
Eaves width	0		1		2		5		
Envelope complexity	0		1		3		6		
Deck design	0		2		4		6		
[Enter the appropriate risk severity score for each risk factor in the score columns. Transfer these figures across to the right-hand column. Finally, add up the figures in the right-hand column to get the total risk score.]								<b>Total risk score:</b>	

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Roof/wall intersection design	0		1		3		5		
Eaves width	0		1		2		5		
Envelope complexity	0		1		3		6		
Deck design	0		2		4		6		
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<b>Table 3:</b>	<b>Suitable wall claddings</b> Paragraphs 3.1.2, 3.4.1.1, 3.4.2.1, 3.4.2.2, 3.4.3.2, 9.1.1, 9.4.1.2, 9.4.1.3, 9.6, Figure 1 (E2/AS1)	
<b>Risk Score</b>	<b>Suitable wall claddings <sup>(1)</sup></b>	
	<b>Direct fixed to framing</b>	<b>Over 20mm minimum drained cavity</b>
<b>0 - 6</b>	a) Timber weatherboards - all types b) Fibre cement weatherboards c) Vertical profiled metal <sup>(3)</sup> - corrugated and symmetrical d) Fibre cement sheet <sup>(4)</sup> e) Plywood sheet c) EIFS	a) Masonry veneer <sup>(2)</sup> b) Stucco c) Horizontal profiled metal <sup>(3)</sup> - corrugated and trapezoidal only
<b>7 - 12</b>	a) Bevel-back weatherboards b) Vertical timber board and batten c) Vertical profiled metal <sup>(3)</sup> - corrugated only	a) Masonry veneer <sup>(2)</sup> b) Stucco c) Horizontal profiled metal - corrugated and trapezoidal only d) Rusticated weatherboards e) Fibre cement weatherboards f) Fibre cement sheet g) Plywood sheet h) EIFS
<b>13-20</b>	a) Vertical profiled metal <sup>(3)</sup> - corrugated only	a) Masonry veneer <sup>(2)</sup> b) Stucco c) Horizontal profiled metal - corrugated and trapezoidal only d) Rusticated weatherboards e) Fibre cement weatherboards f) Fibre cement sheet g) Plywood sheet h) EIFS i) Bevel-back weatherboards
<b>Over 20</b>	a) Redesign the building to achieve a lower score, or b) Specific design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The design may need changing to reduce the risk</li> <li>- The territorial authority or building certifier will require more comprehensive details and documentation providing evidence of weathertightness</li> <li>- The territorial authority, building certifier, designer or owner may require more inspections</li> <li>- A third party audit of design by a weathertightness expert may be required</li> </ul>	
<b>NOTES:</b>	(1) The wall claddings in this table are limited to those covered in the Acceptable Solution. (2) Traditional masonry veneer as per SNZ HB 4236, with minimum 40mm cavity. (3) Refer Figure 38 for profiles. (4) Except stucco over a fibre cement backing.	

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