

Base Prepare a base of moderate complexity for in-situ concrete construction

Kaupae Level	4
Whiwhinga Credit	7
Whāinga Purpose	This skill standard is for people working in or entering the concrete construction trade. People credited with this skill standard have the skills to prepare a base for in-situ concrete construction. This skill standard aligns with the New Zealand Certificate in Concrete Construction (Commercial and Civil Infrastructure) (Level 4) [Ref XXXX] and may also contribute to other construction and infrastructure qualifications.

Hua o te ako me Paearu aromatawai | Learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Hua o te ako Learning outcomes	Paearu aromatawai Assessment criteria
1. Describe excavation requirements for in-situ concrete construction.	a. Excavation requirements are identified from plans and specifications, including dimensions, depths, and tolerances.
	b. Factors affecting excavation for concrete work, such as soil type, drainage and access are described in accordance with industry standards.
	c. Common safety and environmental controls used during excavation are described.
2. Prepare a base of moderate complexity for in-situ concrete construction.	a. Base levels and lines are confirmed against plans and specifications.
	b. Barrier systems, where required, are checked installed or protected in accordance with plans and specifications.

Pārongo aromatawai me te taumata paearu | Assessment information and grade criteria

Assessment specifications:

To achieve this standard, the candidate must be able to complete preparing a base of moderate complexity for in-situ concrete construction, in line with industry standards.

Industry standards must reflect industry best practice, workplace procedures, and be within acceptable tolerances as defined in New Zealand codes, standards and regulations.

Plans and specifications can include working drawings, plan specifications, manufacturer specifications, installation instructions and demolition and project plans.

Moderate complexity refers to base preparation work involving a broad range of tasks and varied site conditions. Work includes confirming levels and lines, checking site conditions and protecting or maintaining barrier systems where required, for concrete elements, for example, slabs, beams, columns, walls, or foundations, where there may be changing site conditions, multiple reference points or coordination with other trades.

Evidence for this standard must be demonstrated:

- to current and relevant Legislation, Standards, and Codes (including safety),
- in an environmentally sustainable manner,
- within an acceptable timeframe,
- with acceptable behaviours.

Ngā momo whiwhinga | Grades available

Achieved.

Ihirangi waitohu | Indicative content

Planning and site preparation

- Plans and specifications
- Site boundaries, existing structures, features, and services
- Site access, traffic management, and delivery zones
- Environmental and cultural considerations

Excavation methods and types

- Open excavations, trenches, pits, and temporary retaining structures
- Manual and mechanical excavation techniques
- Site stability, slopes, and benching principles
- Excavation for slabs, footings, and retaining bases

Ground safety and hazard control

- Underground services (e.g. cables, pipes, drains)
- Access and egress for excavations
- Techniques for collapse and fall prevention (e.g. shoring, battering, barriers)
- Weather and groundwater conditions

Handling of materials and spoil

- Excavated material types and characteristics (e.g. soil, clay, rock, rubble)
- Spoil handling and storage
- Reuse, compaction, or removal
- Environmental protection and sediment control

Base materials and preparation

- Sub-base and base material properties
- Compaction and testing methods
- Levels, lines, and falls
- Surface finishing and tolerances

Moisture and barrier systems

- Damp-proof membranes and moisture barriers
- Barrier material types (e.g. polythene, emulsion, self-adhesive systems)
- Protection of installed systems

Quality and verification

- Excavation and base dimensions
- Tolerances and documentation
- Readiness for concrete works

Industry standards

Rauemi | Resources

Programme Guidance information available from qualifications@waihangaararau.nz.

Pārongo Whakaū Kounga | Quality assurance information

Ngā rōpū whakatau-paerewa Standard Setting Body	Waihanga Ara Rau Construction and Infrastructure Workforce Development Council
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