

Secondary legislation and other instruments enabled by the CDEM Act 2002

December 2025

Key:

Existing subsidiary instrument

Change proposed to existing instrument

Proposed new instrument

Statutory planning documents

National CDEM strategy (legislative)

The **Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery** must complete a national CDEM strategy on behalf of the Crown. The strategy is secondary legislation.

The strategy outlines the vision and long-term goals for emergency management in New Zealand, and the objectives to be pursued to meet those goals.

National CDEM Plan (legislative)

The National CDEM Plan is made by Order in Council on the recommendation of the **Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery**.

The plan sets out the hazards and risks to be managed at the national level, and the roles and responsibilities at the national level across the '4 Rs'. It must not be inconsistent with the national CDEM strategy.

CDEM Group plans

Each **CDEM Group** must prepare and approve a CDEM Group plan. CDEM Group plans must state and provide for the hazards and risks to be managed by the CDEM Group and the emergency management arrangements necessary to give effect to the plan.

A CDEM Group plan must not be inconsistent with the National CDEM Strategy and must take account of guidelines, codes, or technical standards issued by the Director.

Guidelines, codes, and technical standards

The **Director** must issue written guidelines in relation to the content of CDEM Group plans. The Director may issue other guidelines, codes, or technical standards to any person or organisation with responsibilities under the Act.

Regulations (legislative)

The **Governor-General** may make regulations by Order in Council for a range of purposes, including:

- prescribing forms that may be used for the purposes of the Act
- prescribing competency standards
- regulating the use of warrants, badges, and other insignia
- prohibiting or regulating activities that may impede measures taken to implement a CDEM plan.

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