

## Updates to healthy homes standards have taken effect

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Updates have been made to the heating, ventilation, and moisture ingress and drainage standards that allow for a more tailored approach to meeting the intent of the standards.

The most significant change is a new heating formula under the heating standard, that applies for modern dwellings and relevant apartments. This reflects how these types of properties are better at retaining heat.

The [heating assessment tool](#) has been updated and can now calculate the required minimum heating capacity using both the new and original formula.

Other updates to the standards include:

- additional ways to comply with the heating standard
- extra allowances for situations where acceptable heating was installed prior to 1 July 2019
- changes to the ventilation standard, and
- clarification for the moisture ingress and drainage standard.

Tenancy Services website content and PDF documents have been updated to include these changes. This is all available in the [healthy homes section of the website](#).

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