



Cadastral Surveyors Licensing Board
of New Zealand

Competency Assessment Framework

Update for the Surveying Community – August 2025

A. COMPETENCY ASSESSMENT GUIDELINE UPDATES

Since our June update we have made some changes to the Competency Assessment Guideline primarily affecting the Portfolio of Experience stage. The updates are as follows:

- **Aspirational Statements** (Page 4) Minor word changes have been made for consistency.
- **Selected Work Projects** (Page 8) A paragraph has been added concerning the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in preparing covering reports.

Changes to the **Evidence needed** have also been made for the following competencies:

- **Boundary definition** (Page 11) For the mandatory project, the submitted survey **must** be approved. For non-mandatory projects, a paragraph has been added to address where the submitted survey has not yet been approved.
- **Statutory Planning Process** (Page 13) For mandatory project 1 an additional option has been included: an essay of at least 2500 words critiquing an approved subdivision consent, covering the entire planning process through to the issue of the decision by the territorial authority. For mandatory project 2 the s.223 RMA certificate must have been obtained.
- **Land Development Engineering Principles** (Page 14) Under **Projects could include**, it is now stated that a documented clearance certificate application to Council is accompanied by the resulting s.224 RMA certificate.

B. APPLICANT ATTESTATION UPDATE

The following statement has been added to the applicant attestation template:

Any parts of the covering reports prepared with the assistance of artificial intelligence have been verified by me personally.

C. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

To assist participants with queries regarding the new competency assessment framework, a FAQ document has been compiled.

All three documents mentioned above can be found at [News & Publications-CSLB](#)

D. COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK TIMEFRAMES FOR PILOT ONLY

The confirmed timeframes for the Pilot are as follows:

- Deadline for submission of Portfolio of Experience - 5pm Monday 24th November 2025
- Notification of acceptance of PoE - Wednesday 25th February 2026
- Professional Challenge – Monday 16th March 2026
- Professional Interview – 4th & 5th May

Refer to the June 2025 Update for the anticipated timeframes for the full implementation in 2026 which can be found at [News & Publications-CSLB](#)

If you have any issues or questions, then please contact the Examinations Coordinator, Kirsten Flett, at examinations.coordinator@cslb.org.nz



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