

NZBC Clause F8 V2

EXIT Signage

In May 2012 the Department of Building and Housing (DBH) issued a revised version of Clause F8 of the NZ Building Code. The principle changes applicable to Emergency Lighting Systems are as follows:

A non-maintained EXIT sign shall be installed such that:

1. It shall be illuminated following a loss of the normal electrical power system – as existing requirement.
2. It shall be illuminated following an activation of the smoke alarm system in the event of power remaining on.
3. It shall be installed such that a minimum of 200lux is provided on the sign face under normal lighting conditions.

Other Changes

- ❖ The use of the “Running Man” pictogram is now acceptable as an option in an AS1 Solution.
- ❖ A non-powered EXIT sign shall be installed such that a minimum of 200lux is provided on the sign face under normal lighting conditions.

Notes:

- Item 2. above will require special attention by Electrical System designer.
- The presence of 200lux on the sign face will be required to be verified by the Lighting System Designer and confirmed on the commissioning of the installation.
- A three month compliance period commenced 10th May 2012.

For further information visit: <http://www.dbh.govt.nz/f8-signs-info-042012>

For a copy of NZBC Clause F8 go to:

<http://www.dbh.govt.nz/UserFiles/File/Publications/Building/Compliance-documents/F8-signs-2nd-edition.pdf>

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