

Homeowner Renovation Checklist (NZ Edition)

- 1. Planning & Research

- Define your renovation goals (aesthetic, resale, repairs)
- Set a realistic budget (+15% contingency)
- Identify priority spaces: bathroom, kitchen, living, exterior
- Research material options (e.g. pine vs composite, cladding types)
- Decide whether you need consent (check with council)

- 2. Choosing Professionals

- Builder/project manager (tick): Licensed, Insured, NZCB
- Designer/Architect (if needed)
- Get at least 2 quotes + timeframes
- Ask for similar project photos

- 3. Pre-Construction

- Finalise plans and scope
- Sign a clear contract (payment terms, timeline, changes)
- Secure building consent (if required)
- Notify neighbours if needed

- 4. During Renovation

- Confirm site access, storage, and rubbish
- Regular check-ins or site meetings
- Be prepared for surprises (hidden damage, delays)

- 5. Completion

- Final walkthrough
- Check finishes and quality
- Get Code Compliance Certificate (CCC) if needed
- Receive warranties and compliance docs

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- **BONUS: Renovation Red Flags**

- Unlicensed trades
- No formal quote or timeline
- Cheap labour and vague contracts
- Builders who do not return calls

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