

RUMBLINGS

Contract Works Policies

In situations where a dwelling cannot be lived in (such as when undergoing extensive renovations or conversion to flats), EQCover does not apply. The building needs to be fully insured under a contract works policy.

If the renovations/alterations do not affect the self-contained nature of a dwelling and it can still be lived in, EQCover can apply under a contract works policy.

For instance, EQCover would apply if the dwelling is insured as an “existing structure”, with a sum insured as part of the cover provided under the contract works policy.

When a dwelling is insured under a contract works policy, the homeowners’ policy is suspended for the length of the contract works policy.

Show homes

EQC does not provide cover for dwellings that are purely used to showcase a product or design, as there is no intention that they will be lived in as a residential building.

However, if the dwelling can be lived in, is on the market (and/or is rented out as a domestic residence) and the intention is that once it has sold it will be lived in, EQCover does apply.

Dwellings in transit

In cases where a dwelling is being transported from one site to another, EQCover does not apply.

The dwelling can be insured with EQC only once it is connected to local services, is self-contained and is capable of being lived in.

For more information, you can obtain a copy of EQC’s “An Insurer’s Guide to EQCover” by:

- calling 0800 326 243
- visiting our website: www.eqc.govt.nz/insurance/insurersguide.aspx
- contacting Derek Gibb, Compliance Manager, 04 978 6410 or dwgibb@eqc.govt.nz

