

Effective 5th November 2021

DID YOU KNOW? *There has been a Build Code change for flooring*

E3/AS1 Internal Moisture Code Change

As from the 5th of November 2021 the acceptable solution E3/AS1 for internal moisture no longer allows for timber-based or overlay flooring in areas that contain sanitary fixtures or sanitary appliances, this summary will include:

- Bathrooms
- Kitchens
- Laundries
- Toilets
- Any other wet area that includes a basin, tap, toilet or sink.

Wood & Water Don't Mix!

Wood based flooring like laminates are now excluded as flooring options in wet areas.
Acceptable flooring options are Tiles and full sheet vinyls.
These are the acceptable solutions under the Building Code.

So the following floor types are excluded unless there is an independently appraised and approved alternative solution by the Council. Timber-based materials due to water absorption and longevity issues are unlikely to be approved by councils or by BRANZ.

- Solid timber flooring
- Laminate Flooring
- Engineered wood flooring
- Hybrid flooring that has wood or cellulose

Tile Warehouse has the preferred acceptable solution (Tile and Stone) to help you design and meet the code.

We have multiple designs and sizes in the following formats:

- Timber looking porcelains in 1200x200mm
- Large format tile in 800x800mm, 1000x1000mm or 600x1200mm: exceptional design alongside compliance with code.
- Ecologically-friendly solutions, that last the test of time as they are inert when coming into contact with moisture.

Please visit our website to view ranges that will assist you in designing with tile in accordance with this NZ Building code amendment.

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