

# Understanding AS/NZ2311:2017 guide to the painting of buildings



**Did you know...** the painting industry has an internationally recognised document that provides guidelines to best trade practice in the painting industry?

The document is called AS/NZS2311:2017 guide to the painting of buildings and is updated every 7-8 years. It was last updated and published in March 2017.

The joint Australian/NZ Standard was prepared by joint technical committee CH-003 paints and related materials, with MPNZA being represented on the committee.



The objective of this standard is to provide guidance, and recommended good practice, for the design, application, and maintenance of decorative paint systems for use by the paint industry.

If you have read MPNZA Fact Sheets over the years you will likely have noticed reference to AS/NZS2311. The dates preceding the AS/NZS2311, refer to the version of the standard such as AS/NZS2311:2009, or AS/NZS2311:2017.

MPNZA always refer to this standard when asked to comment on best trade practice in our industry. The MPNZA Code of Practice also refers to this standard when providing a specification for painting work to be undertaken.

The Standard covers all aspects of painting application including the type of product that should be used on particular substrates, generic specification, including the number of coats to be applied, hazards, spread rates of paint coats, gloss level and finish, preparation for painting along with inspection and testing.

MPNZA strongly recommend that all painting contractors have a copy of the Standard available in their business and familiarise themselves with the standard as it can be useful in explaining why, we as contractors, use this standard, and why it is important to their clients.

A copy of the Standard can be purchased at [www.standards.govt.nz](http://www.standards.govt.nz)

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