

Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2005 (Revised 2008)

The availability of safe drinking-water for all New Zealanders, regardless of where they live, is a fundamental requirement for public health.

The Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand have recently been revised. The old 2005 version has now been replaced with a 2008 revision.

The Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand detail how to assess the quality and safety of drinking-water using **water quality standards** and **compliance criteria** (collectively called the DWSNZ).

The drinking-water standards apply to drinking-water, that is, water intended to be used for human consumption, food preparation, utensil washing, oral hygiene or personal hygiene. The criteria are applicable to all drinking-water except bottled water, which must comply with the Food Act 1981.

[Download a copy of the Drinking Water Standards](#) from the Ministry of Health website.

