

# Built Form Standards - Rural Zones

## Built Form standards in the General Rural zone and Rural Lifestyle zone.

Rural zones provide for rural production activities, rural support services, rural industry, plantation forestry, farming and associated structures and buildings.

Built form standards are included in the District Plan. These standards play an important role in creating and maintaining rural character and amenity values within the respective zones.

### Rural built form standards

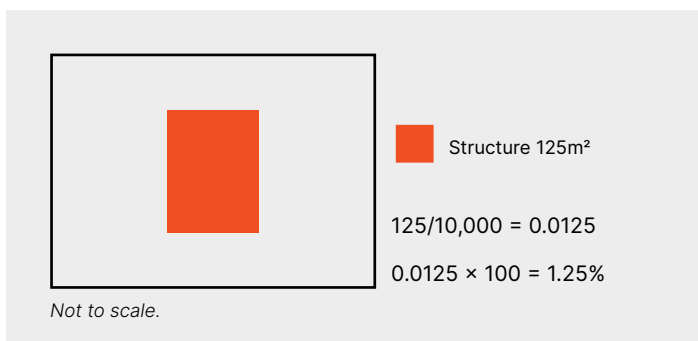
#### Structure coverage

What are the building coverage limits in each zone	
Zone	Building coverage limit
General Rural zone (excludes Artificial Crop Protection Structures)	20%
Rural Lifestyle zone (excludes Artificial Crop Protection Structures)	20%

#### How is building coverage calculated?

It's calculated by dividing the area of all structures on the site by the net area of the title (excluding access legs, rights-of-way, and designation areas).

**NOTE:** Refer to District Plan for exemptions.



In addition to the building coverage, within the General Rural zone and Rural Lifestyle zone, the maximum Gross Floor Area (GFA) of any structure is limited to 550m<sup>2</sup> maximum.

### Impermeable surface

#### What is impermeable surface?

Impermeable surface means any surface through which water cannot drain, except for buildings.

#### How is impermeable surface calculated?

Impermeable surface is calculated by dividing the area of all permeable surfaces on the site by the net area of the title.

What are the impermeable surface limits?	
Zone	Impermeable surface limit
General Rural zone	20%
Rural Lifestyle zone	20%

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## Building and structure setbacks

### Where is the building or structure measured from?

The setbacks are measured from the nearest point of the building/structure, i.e. gutter, to the closest property boundary.

What are the specific setbacks contained within the District Plan?		
Zone	Boundary	Minimum setback requirement
General Rural Zone	Internal site boundary	20m for Residential unit and Minor Residential unit
		5m for water tanks and artificial crop protection structures
		4m for all other buildings and structures
	Road boundary	20m for Residential unit and Minor Residential unit
		10m for all other buildings and structures
Rural Lifestyle Zone	Internal site boundary	20m for Residential unit and Minor Residential unit
		5m for artificial crop protection structures
		3m for all other buildings and structures
	Road Property boundary	20m for Residential unit and Minor Residential unit
		10m for all other buildings and structures

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### What if I cannot meet a built form standard(s)?

Resource consent approval is required prior to building commencing.

### Want more information?

Please refer to the District Plan on our website [waimakariri.govt.nz](http://waimakariri.govt.nz)

You can also contact our Planning staff for more information, either email [duty.planner@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:duty.planner@wmk.govt.nz), or phone (0800) 965 468.



## Structure height

Controls on height manage dominance effects of structures	
Zone	Structure height limit
General Rural zone	10m any Residential unit, Minor Residential unit or associated structure. 12m any other building or structure.
Rural Lifestyle zone	10m any Residential unit, Minor Residential unit or associated structure. 12m any other building or structure.

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### Disclaimer

This fact sheet is intended as a guide only and does not replace the District Plan. Please refer to the District Plan for the full set of provisions.