Home Builders Checklist

When considering who you should choose to build your dream home, it can be difficult and often confusing when trying to compare one builder's offering with that of another.







Like for like

On the surface it may seem like you're comparing like for like, but once you start to peel away the layers, reality can look very different indeed. Sometimes, quotes and estimates can look significantly cheaper, until you get into the construction period of your home and find that a builder might have low-balled some of the specifications and costs just to get your business. Suddenly you're having to dip further into your pockets to pay extra for what you thought you were getting in the first place.

Up front, no surprises

At Jennian Homes, we'd like you to be clear on every aspect of your home, up front, before you sign the building contract. That way you'll avoid any unwanted surprises like budget blow-outs and other unforseen costs down the track. This Home Builder's Checklist, provides a great tool to give you the confidence that your budget is safe with Jennian Homes. Your personal Jennian New Home Consultant will be happy to work through this with you so that you understand what goes into planning your new dream home. You can also use the checklist to arm yourself with the right questions to ask when selecting your builder.

Building the future

When you choose to build with a Jennian franchisee you're ensuring that your home will be built on time, within an agreed budget and one that is just right for you and your family. A home that will be better to live in today, worth more in the future and one that you can enjoy and be proud of for many years to come.

Ask the right questions when choosing your new home builder. Often the things left out cause the most disappointment.

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Is the builder part of a wholly New Zealand-owned group of franchise businesses?			
Is your builder a local builder with local knowledge?			
Is the builder supported by a quality national brand that has been around for over 35 years?			
Who will finish your home if the local builder fails to complete the building?			
Is your builder amongst New Zealand's most awarded group of franchise builders?			
Will the builder offer a complimentary building site visit during the planning of your home?			
Does the builder understand your lifestyle, needs and wish list so that you get the home you want?			
Does the builder provide you with an industry-leading 36 month remedial maintenance period?			
Has the builder provided you with at least 10 recent testimonials from past clients?			
Is the builder a Registered Master Builder? If not, why not?			
Does the builder provide a Registered Master Builders approved Residential Building Contract or do they provide their own contract that may contain unexpected fish hooks?			
Does the builder provide an independent Master Build Guarantee included in the contract price?			
What percentage deposit does the builder require upon signing of the building contract?			
Does the builder use market-leading New Zealand-based manufacturers and suppliers?			
Does the builder use quality, local subcontractors?			
Does the builder have a solid process around variations to avoid surprises?			
Will the builder provide you with a fixed price contract? Watch out for low PC Sums.			
Does the builder have a process to keep you fully informed throughout the building experience?			
Is the builder a Future-Proof builder?			
Can the builder help you to arrange finance?			
Does your builder have a proven track record on completing homes on time?			

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Does the builder include reinforcing mesh as standard throughout the entire concrete floor slab?			
Does the builder use Fusiotherm piping for hot and cold water?			
Does the builder install Pink Batts Ultra to all external walls?			
Does the builder install energy-efficient lighting and fittings as standard?			
Does the builder include extractor fans in all bathrooms?			
Has your builder allowed a generous number of electrical outlets, TV sockets, etc, per room?			
Does the builder use 90 x 45 radiata pine for all frames?			
Does the builder use laminated lintels above doors and windows?			
Does the builder use a complete Rondo Steel ceiling batten system to allow for thermal movement?			
Does the builder use 13mm Gib as standard for ceilings?			
Does the builder include Aqualine Gib to bathroom and en suite walls and ceilings?			
Is the garage lined and painted?			
Are the kitchen appliances a quality, well-known brand with applicable warranties and service?			
Does the planned and priced kitchen meet your lifestyle needs?			
Does the kitchen include a range hood and dishwasher?			
Does the builder include floor coverings in the price?			
Does the quality of floor coverings specified meet your lifestyle needs?			
Does the cost of floor coverings specify vinyl or tiles?			
Does the builder include quality bathroom ware?			
Does the builder include high-quality fittings, fixtures and taps?			
Does the builder offer a complimentary colour consultation service?			

Prime Cost (PC) or Provisional Sums are the amounts allowed for in building contracts for items where the actual cost is not known ahead of time. Your builder should be able to give you realistic estimates (if not quotes) to avoid any unwanted surprises.

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What cost has the builder allowed for excavation and is it a quote or PC Sum?			
What cost has the builder allowed for standard foundations?			
What cost has the builder allowed for drainage and is it a quote or PC Sum?			
What cost has the builder allowed for floor coverings and is it a quote or PC Sum?			
What cost has the builder allowed for your desired kitchen design and is it a quote or PC Sum?			
What cost has the builder allowed for paths and driveways and is it a quote or a PC Sum?			
What cost has the builder allowed for building consents?			
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