



BUILT THE NZ WAY | PEOPLE-FIRST

KEEP YOUR FAMILY CLOSE

FREEDOM CABINS NZ

BUILDING GUIDE





Welcome

Hi, we're Drew and Jodie.

Thanks for downloading this guide, we're glad you're here.

We started Freedom Cabins NZ in 2019 after seeing too many Kiwi families separated by rising housing costs and rest home fees. Parents living where they didn't want to be, adult kids stuck renting, and grandparents missing time with their mokopuna. We knew there had to be a better way.

Since then, we've helped over 200 families across New Zealand create extra living space without building consent headaches, council delays, or surprise costs. From aging parents moving back home to adult kids getting their first real space, our cabins help keep families together.

This guide walks you through our designs, process, inclusions, and real costs — with clear, jargon-free answers whether you're buying or hiring.

We're here to make this simple, honest, and stress-free.

Let's get you sorted.

Drew & Jodie





YOUR JOURNEY WITH **FREEDOM CABINS NZ**

OUR CLEAR 5-STEP PROCESS

01

FREE CONSULTATION (30 MINUTES)

Book a no-pressure chat with us. We'll talk through your goals, property layout, access, and how a cabin could work for your situation

02

CABIN SELECTION & DESIGN

Choose from our proven cabin designs or customize finishes. We'll provide a detailed quote with zero hidden costs — what you see is what you pay.

03

PRICING, AGREEMENTS & APPROVALS

Once you're happy, we'll confirm pricing, timelines, and next steps. For sales builds, this includes agreements, deposits, and any consent support required.

04

BUILD (8-16 WEEKS)

Your cabin is built in our Tauranga facility with regular photo updates. You can visit anytime to see progress.

05

DELIVERY & SETUP

Your cabin is delivered, positioned, and set up on site ready for you to enjoy!

Build *Options*

Tiny Homes and Caravans

Here's a tighter version that keeps the heart and flow, just trimmed and punchier:

At Freedom Cabins NZ, we build tiny homes that transform your land and your lifestyle. Whether it's a fully equipped tiny house, a private one-bedroom retreat, or a relocatable cabin that keeps your options open, we'll create something amazing together.

Worried about foundations or services? Don't be — we've got you covered.



From escaping rent and gaining independence to living mortgage-free or launching an Airbnb that pays its way, this is where it starts.

We'll guide you from concept to keys in hand.



Build *Options*



Granny Flats & Minor Dwellings

Our granny flats and tiny homes take advantage of new 70m² legislation — streamlined approvals mean faster, easier builds.

New 70m² granny flat rules mean streamlined approvals and faster timeframes — making it easier than ever to add quality space to your property.

Built offsite for:

- Faster build times (10-16 weeks)
- Consistent quality
- Minimal on-site disruption

Whether it's aging parents, adult kids, work space, or rental income — our cabins adapt as your needs change.

Freedom Cabins NZ handles:

- Navigating the 70m² provisions
- Council processes
- Foundation coordination
- Delivery and positioning

Streamlined approach. No drawn-out builds. Control back in your hands.



SITE WORKS

Tiny Homes & Cabins on Trailers



Site Preparation & Key Considerations

Tiny Homes and Caravans

Cabins on wheels aren't treated as permanent buildings, as long as they remain clearly movable.

To stay consent-free, follow three simple rules:

- Keep the cabin on its trailer with wheels and chassis intact
- Use temporary service connections (such as caravan-style power plugs and water hoses)
- Ensure any decks or structures are freestanding and not attached.



To ensure stability and drainage, we suggest preparing a level pad by:

- Removing approximately 200mm of topsoil
- Backfilling with compacted GAP 20 or GAP 40



You'll need an appropriate power outlet onsite or have one installed by a registered electrician.



Wastewater options may include:

- Connection to an existing septic system (using a macerator)
- Composting or incinerating toilet systems



Connection via hose for easy attachment and removal



SITE WORKS

Granny Flats & Minor Dwellings



Permanent Installations

With the 2025 Granny Flat rules simplifying consent requirements, some cabins may still need building consent depending on the site and design.

Where required, Freedom Cabins NZ can coordinate council-ready drawings and support the consenting process.

We can also assist with engineering, delivery, and installation support to ensure a smooth setup.

Additional Budget Considerations

You should also allow for:

- A registered electrician to connect power and install a meter
- A licensed plumber to complete the final plumbing connections

Some site-specific costs typically sit outside the cabin build itself.

These may include:

- Soil testing or geotechnical reports
- Stormwater reports
- Septic system design (if council services are not available)
- In some cases, resource consent may also be required if district plan rules are exceeded.



Discover
Our Cabin
Range

12 x 4
- Two Bedroom Cabin



LENGTH 12M

WIDTH 4M

FLOOR AREA 48 M²



Our premium 12m x 4m home offers exceptional living space with a contemporary design.

Featuring two generous bedrooms, a sleek kitchen with a breakfast bar, and a well-appointed bathroom, this spacious model provides comfortable family accommodation.

Built to code and available with Code of Compliance certificate (additional fee). This quality home combines modern fixtures, full insulation, and durable construction in a smart, efficient package perfect for permanent living.

Buy This From
\$125,900



10.8m x 3m

- Two Bedroom Cabin



[view cabin](#)

LENGTH 10.8M **WIDTH** 3M

FLOOR AREA 32.4M²



Our best seller, the 10.8m x 3.0m cabin features two bedrooms, full bathroom, and open kitchen/living area.

Featuring two bedrooms, a full bathroom, and an integrated kitchen/living area, this well-thought-out design provides versatile accommodation for families.

The second bedroom creates flexible space for children, guests, or a home office, all within a thoughtfully designed package that maximizes comfort and functionality.

Buy This From
\$98,900



10m x 3m
– Two Bedroom Cabin



[view cabin](#)

LENGTH 10M

WIDTH 3M

FLOOR AREA 30 M²



Our versatile 10m x 3.0m cabin offers flexible, affordable living without compromising on comfort or style.

Designed to suit a variety of needs, it's available in both one and two-bedroom layouts, making it perfect for families, couples, or those needing a dedicated office or guest room. Inside, you'll find a full bathroom, a practical kitchen, and a comfortable living area that's easy to personalise.

Whether you're after extra space on your property, a compact home, or a stylish rental option, this adaptable model delivers smart, efficient living in a modern, well-balanced footprint.

Buy This From
\$86,900 inc

Discover
Our Cabin
Range

8.4m x 3m

– One Bedroom Cabin



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[view cabin](#)

LENGTH 8.4 M

WIDTH 3 M

FLOOR AREA 25.2 M²



Intelligently Crafted Living.

Our beautifully proportioned 8.4m x 3m cabin showcases clever design with a private bedroom, well-equipped kitchen, and spacious bathroom.

Every square meter flows seamlessly together, creating surprisingly generous living that maximizes both comfort and functionality.

This cabin could be yours for \$68,900!! Contact us to find out more.



Ready to
Get
Started.....

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Lets Get Started! What We Cover in Your Consultation

- ✓ Shape a practical floor plan based on how the space will be used
- ✓ Understand consent requirements and site considerations
- ✓ Get clarity on pricing, timelines, and next steps

If you have any questions at any stage, we're always happy to help — just reach out by phone or email.

Let's Talk About Your *Space*

