

# Design Assurance

## National Facility Design, Advisory and Assurance Team

Collaborating Towards Excellence in Health Facility Design for Aotearoa New Zealand

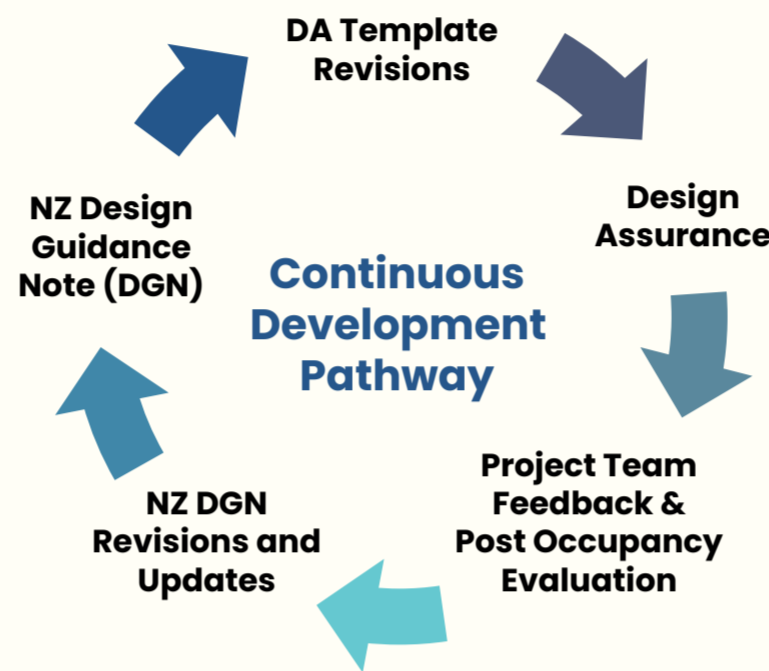
### Our Mission

Support the design industry to deliver consistent, efficient, high-quality, and effective health facilities for our country and communities.

### Overview

Design Assurance (DA) is a review of qualifying capital works projects to provide assurance on design documentation, process, and completeness.

The DA process is tailored to suit each project type, risk, size, and complexity.



### Objectives and Benefits

- Support project design teams.
- Communicate Te Whatu Ora expectations.
- Learn, adjust, and evolve our process.
- Monitor alignment with the required design guidance
- Regulate project tracking and transparency.
- Promote standardisation and consistency.
- Target fit-for-purpose project outcomes.

### What Projects are Reviewed?

#### INCLUDED

- New Buildings
- Major refurbishments and renovations

#### EXCLUDED

- Property maintenance
- Minor refurbishment and cosmetic upgrades
- External works – landscaping
- Carparks – multi-level and on terrain
- Engineering plant – independent and integrated

#### THRESHOLD TOOL

The Threshold tool uses a scoring system based on a series of questions to identify the type of DA review required

#### NO DA REQUIRED

#### DESKTOP DA

A single, light touch review of the documentation provided

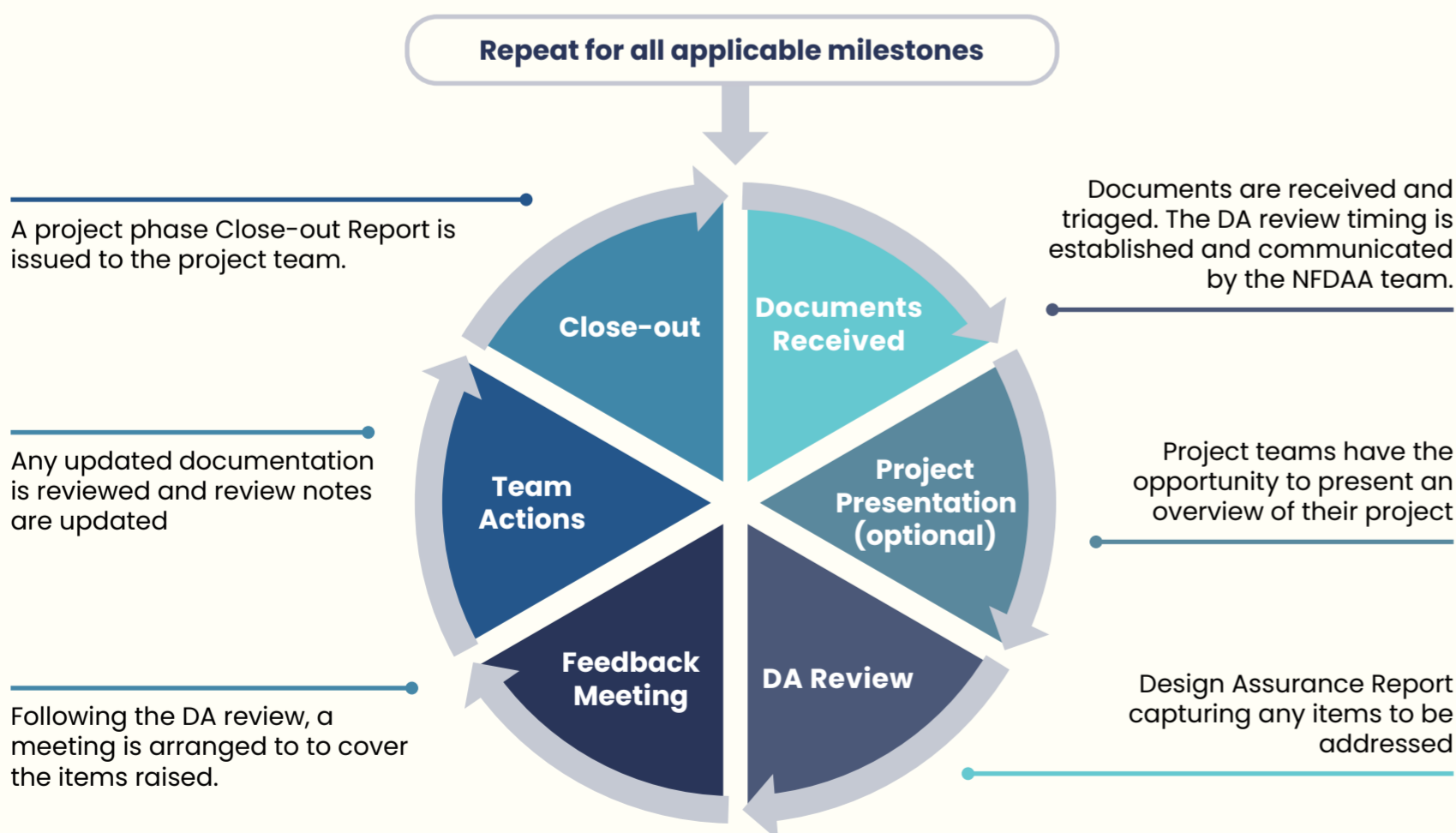
#### FULL DA

A more comprehensive review with closer collaboration

Projects that meet this criteria can expect a DA review at these milestones:

1. Test of Fit Design
2. Concept Design
3. Preliminary Design
4. Developed Design

### Design Assurance Review Process



### DA Review Focus Points

1. **Australasian Health Facility Guidelines:** Application, tracking and transparency.
2. **New Zealand Design Guidance Notes:** Principles and specific design considerations.
3. **Architecture:** Documentation and design phase processes
4. **Schedule of accommodation:** Structure, content, tracking & transparency.
5. **Standardisation:** Application and management

Documentation is reviewed for completeness and quality. An independent peer review is required at Concept Design.

