The One Network Road Classification (ONRC)

The ONRC is a new framework that categorises roads throughout the country. This is the first time in the history of New Zealand that consistent specifications will apply to all public roads from Cape Reinga to the Bluff, depending on what purpose they serve. The ONRC considers the needs of all road users, be they motorists, cyclists or pedestrians. It will give road users more consistency and certainty about what standard and services to expect on the national road network, including the most appropriate safety features. It will also help New Zealand to plan, invest in, maintain and operate the road network in a more strategic, consistent and affordable way throughout the country.

**REGIONAL**

These roads make a major contribution to the social and economic wellbeing of a region and connect to regionally significant places, industries, ports and airports. They are major connectors between regions and, in urban areas, may have substantial passenger transport movements.

**ARTERIAL**

These roads make a significant contribution to social and economic wellbeing, linking regionally significant places, industries, ports or airports. They may be the only route available to important places in a region, performing a 'lifeline' function.

**NATIONAL**

These roads make the largest contribution to the social and economic wellbeing of New Zealand by connecting major population centres, major ports or international airports, and have high volumes of heavy commercial vehicles or general traffic.

**ACCESS**

This is often where your journey starts and ends. These roads provide access and connectivity to many of your daily journeys (home, school, farm, forestry etc). They also provide access to the wider network.

**SECONDARY COLLECTOR**

These roads link local areas of population and economic sites. They may be the only route available to some places within this local area.

**PRIMARY COLLECTOR**

These are locally important roads that provide a primary distributor/collector function, linking significant local economic areas or population areas.