THE MARKET / A PRICE SNAPSHOT

Deck Builders in Christchurch: Prices

Deck prices published by Christchurch deck builders and two guide sites, the 1.5 m consent rule, and 254 Google reviews on 11 profiles. Checked on 15 November 2026.

20 m² GROUND-LEVEL KWILA DECK
$7,000 to $28,000

Mainland estimator $7,000; BuildHub $9,000 to $13,000; James Pascoe Building $18,000 to $28,000. [1] [2] [3]

PER SQUARE METRE, KWILA
$350 to $1,400

Single rate $350 (Mainland) to a $900 to $1,400 range (Pascoe). [1] [3]

WEBSITES WITH A DECK PRICE
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Mainland Decking and James Pascoe Building. Neither states GST. [1] [3] [9]

What the data shows

Published deck prices differ by up to four times for the same deck. Two guide sites updated on 17 July 2026 rank “Deck Builders Christchurch” (03 660 1238, James Pascoe Building Ltd) first; the Google profile with that number has one review, and both guides say they may have commercial relationships with featured businesses. [2] [3] [4] [9]

Most Christchurch deck builders have fewer than 30 Google reviews. Several received many reviews on a single day. [9]

Method. We read the home, service and price pages of 11 deck building companies, two guide sites, and every Google review on 11 profiles (254). Prices in NZD as published. No builder was asked for a quote. [9]

01 / DECK PRICES

Three price sources, side by side

Installed price per square metre for a ground-level deck.

Source	Pine	Kwila	Composite	Extras	Src
Mainland Decking estimator	$300	$350	$400	Steps at same rate; more above 600 mm	[1]
BuildHub guide	$300 to $400	$450 to $650	$500 to $900	Elevated + $2k to $10k; consent $2k to $5k	[2]
James Pascoe Building	$600 to $1,000	$900 to $1,400	$1,000 to $1,500	Elevated +30% to 60%; balustrade $250 to $450/m; removal $500 to $1,500	[3]

20 m² ground-level deck	Pine	Kwila	Composite
Mainland estimator	$6,000	$7,000	$8,000
BuildHub	$6,000 to $8,000	$9,000 to $13,000	$10,000 to $18,000
James Pascoe Building	$12,000 to $20,000	$18,000 to $28,000	$20,000 to $30,000

SEO4 arithmetic from each source's per-m² figures, except BuildHub's own pine and kwila totals. None states GST. [1] [2] [3]

02 / RULES

Consent and barriers

Schedule 1, exemption 24 of the Building Act.

Deck	Consent?	Barrier?	Src
You cannot fall more than 1 m	No	No	[5] [6]
Fall of 1 m to 1.5 m	No	Yes	[5] [6]
Fall of more than 1.5 m, even if it collapsed	Yes	Yes	[5]
50 m² deck, 900 mm high, attached on two sides (MBIE example)	No	No	[5]

Measure the highest edge. On a sloping section a deck can be low at the house and over 1.5 m at the far corner. All decks must meet the Building Code, consent or not. [5]

03 / THE GUIDE SITES

Two “best deck builder” lists

What we found when we checked who the lists recommend.

Item	What we found	Src
Guide sites	bestdeckbuilderschristchurch.co.nz and buildhub.co.nz, both updated 17 July 2026	[2] [4]
First pick in both	“Deck Builders Christchurch”, 03 660 1238	[2] [4]
Who that is	deckbuilderschristchurch.co.nz, James Pascoe Building Ltd (NZBN 9429050836949)	[3]
Google reviews on that number	1 (Pro Deck Builders); a separate Pascoe Building Limited profile has 20	[9]
Prices	bestdeck… repeats the builder’s own per-m² figures; BuildHub’s are about half	[2] [3] [4]
Disclosure	Both say they may have a commercial relationship with featured businesses	[2] [4]
Second pick on bestdeck…	Shown as “TODO: Tasker display name (Airtasker)”	[4]

We can’t tell who wrote the guides and make no claim about the builder’s work. [9]

04 / REVIEWS AND WHO TO CALL

254 reviews, mostly small numbers

Every Google review on 11 profiles: 74 in the last 12 months, 16 with three stars or fewer, none with a dollar figure.

Three to call first

Rated 4.8+ with 15+ reviews: two that answer reviews, one that shows prices.

Deck builder	Phone	Rating, reviews	New (answered)
1. Lincoln Fences & Decks	027 367 9096	5.0, 31	10 (10)
2. Designer Decks	03 567 4311	5.0, 21	9 (8)
3. Mainland Decking	0210 291 6627	5.0, 19	9 (2)

SEO4 Price Score

Eight checks, 0 to 2 points: price, GST, free quote, written guarantee, LBP shown, rating, new reviews, replies.

Deck builder	Score	Deck builder	Score
Designer Decks	9/16	Lincoln Fences & Decks	6/16
Mainland Decking	7/16	One Stop Deck Shop	5/16
The Decking Guys	7/16	James Pascoe Building	4/16
Decks R Us	6/16	Deck.d	4/16
Lifestyle Decks	6/16		

None of these businesses are SEO4 clients. A public snapshot from 15 November 2026, written in good faith; the score says nothing about workmanship. [9]

05 / HOW TO COMPARE QUOTES

Same deck, same questions

Deck quotes compare only when they list timber, piles, joists, steps and balustrade.

Quote request template
Hi, I'd like a quote for a deck at [suburb]: about [length] × [width] m, [pine / kwila / composite], [height] above the ground at the highest point, with [number] steps and [no / about X m of] balustrade. Can you give a fixed price including GST, list the piles, joists and decking separately, and tell me your guarantee and whether you are an LBP?

Five questions: fixed price incl GST? Joist and bearer size and spacing? Piles, treatment and depth? Who handles consent over 1.5 m? Written workmanship guarantee?

Check your quote with the free calculator in the full article: **seo4.co.nz/blog/deck-builders-christchurch**. Deck builders who want a clearer price page or a review plan can contact SEO4 at seo4.co.nz/pricing-contact.

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