



Is my building a protected property?

My house is "listed" with a rank of 4: what does this mean?

In the current vernacular, the terms covering the different protective measures are frequently confused.

In the following example, several notions are mixed. The building obtained a score of 4 in the scope of Neuchâtel's Cantonal Architectural Ranking (RACN): in the event of a building permit being issued, it is done so on the understanding that the building is in the second category if the property is situated in a long-term inhabited zone (ZAL). If it is outside an urbanised zone (HZ) and does not serve any agricultural function it will be protected. However, it is not "listed" (former term to indicate legal protection as a cultural property (LSPC)).

To access the information on these notions, their legal status and its practical implications, please consult the following pages:

- Protected (formerly: "listed")
- Inventoried
- Ranked in a long-term inhabited zones (ZAL)
- Ranked outside urbanised zones (HZ)

Warning: a building can simultaneously be the object of several measures (for instance: it can be under protection *and* ranked)

Determining the level of protection by building

To know exactly which category your building comes under, you can consult the heritage conservation office's online database. The digitising of our records is ongoing: only the administrative details are currently complete and available across the canton. This includes:

- Date the property was put under protection, and details of protected elements
- Date the inventory was taken, and details of the protected elements
- Date of ranking (RACN) and date of evaluation, along with the rank the structure received

The Heritage Conservation Office's records are more extensive, covering architectural, historical, archaeological and bibliographical records of protected buildings, both inventoried and ranked, as well as these details for numerous other structures. These information is partially available online.

How to access the RACN information

① Use the link on French page to easily reach Neuchâtel's Cantonal Architectural Ranking (RACN)



Online

- www.ne.ch
- Under the section "Accès directs", click on "Guichet cartographique"
- Search for the building which you are interested in using "Rechercher et localisation" (by address, furnishings, contacts, building permit number, etc.) or directly on the map
- Select the theme "Aménagement" (to the left, under "Choix des données")
- Tick the box "Patrimoine architectural" (to the left, under "Choix de données")
- Red markers will appear on the map scaled 1:10'000 or less (the actual scale will be indicated on the bottom of the map, to the right of the screen)
- Click on the button "I" (above the map)
- Click on the indicator for the building you are interested in

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