

INFORMATION SHEET: HOME ACTIVITY

Do I need development approval to run a business at home?

You will not need development approval if your business fits within the definition of a **home activity** specified below.

What is a home activity?

The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017* define a **home activity** as the

“use of a site by a person resident on the site -

- a) that does not detrimentally affect the amenity of the locality or any part of the locality; and*
- b) that does not require or involve any of the following:*
 - i. assistance by more than 1 person who is not a resident in the dwelling*
 - ii. use (whether temporary or permanently) of a floor area exceeding 30 square metres*
 - iii. the imposition on the services provided by a public utility organisation of any demand or load greater than that which is ordinarily imposed by other users of the services in the locality*
 - iv. the display of goods in a window or about the dwelling or its curtilage*
 - v. the use of a vehicle exceeding 3 tonne tare in weight”*

Please be aware that your business must not have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the area at any time to fall within the definition of a home activity.

What sort of home activity can detrimentally defect the amenity?

Generally, a home activity which can cause a problem are activities that will:

- create repeated, prolonged, or loud noise;
- produce smoke, smells, fumes, dust, etc;
- increase traffic in the street or cause congestion by visitor parking and general movement; and/or
- are carried on outside or normal business hours.

If your activity is likely to result in any of the above, your business will require development approval.

Can I display signage?

Any signage advertising a home activity should be discrete, not detract from the prevailing amenity, and can only be a maximum surface area (sign face) of 0.2 metres.

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What do I do if I don't meet the definition of a home activity?

If your home business does not meet the definition of a home activity (overleaf), development approval will be required and an application must be submitted.

Please contact your local Council's planner for more advice about whether this activity can be supported in your zone. See below for Council contact details.

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