

Home Activity

All land within the council area is assigned into various zones where each zone has a particular purpose. Certain zones are set aside for farming, horticultural and industrial development while others are intended to accommodate residential land uses only.

From time to time, people who live in a residential area (e.g. Residential Zone, Rural Living Zone, or Animal Husbandry Zone) may wish to do things on their land or in their homes which are not residential activities. They may be of a small-scale and not alter the character of the area, interfere with other land users or interfere with the future development of the zone. The *Development Regulations 2008* refer to this type of land use as a “Home Activity” and allow council the right to permit such uses where appropriate.

Council should be notified of any proposed home activity, outlining the nature and how it meets the definition below. Once notified, Council can then confirm in writing that the home activity meets the requirements.

If you intend undertaking a food business from home a Food Business Notification number is required, for further information visit <http://www.apc.sa.gov.au/foodbusinessnotification>.

Schedule 1 of the *Development Regulations 2008*, states that a Home Activity means a use of a site by a person resident on the site:

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- (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 temporarily 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;

A Home Activity must not create a problem for your neighbours. Council often receives complaints from residents about activities which:

- create repeated, prolonged or loud noise
- increase traffic in the street with delivery vehicles or customer car parking
- produce smoke, smells, fumes, dust, etc and
- operate outside normal working hours

It has been found that mechanical repairs, panel beating, spray painting, and activities which involve noisy machinery do not fit into the definition of a Home Activity.

Please bear in mind that you must, at all times, operate within the above guidelines to be considered a Home Activity. If you cannot comply with these requirements, you will need to look at an industrial or commercial premise to establish your business.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Council’s Planning Officers during business hours on 8527 0200 or at the Council Office located at the Two Wells Service Centre, 69 Old Port Wakefield Road, Two Wells.