

How long will my Development Application take to process?

Application assessment times vary depending on the form of development being undertaken. Some Applications are more complex and require referrals and/or public notification which can take additional time. The quality and accuracy of the information you include with your Application can also affect the time taken to assess the Application.

An application which has all of the required information can generally be assessed faster than one which requires further information. Resolving problems with the proposed development by getting professional advice in the preparation of the Application can also improve the time taken to assess the Application.

See Fact Sheet 5 for a list of information which may be required to be submitted with your Applications.

General Timeframes

Planning Assessment (Development Plan Consent):

Merit Applications: 8 weeks

Complying Applications: 2 weeks

Non-complying Applications: (refer to Fact Sheet 9)

If referrals to prescribed bodies are required (this only applies to merit or non-complying applications) the statutory time limits increase by between 6 to 8 weeks depending on the Agency. A full list of referral timeframes can be found in

Schedule 8 of the Development Regulations 2008.

These time frames do not include the time it takes for you to provide more information to Council or a referral agency if they request further information. This is likely to occur if you don't provide all of the information required to assess the Application.

Generally you will have up to 12 weeks to provide the information required, during which time the assessment of the Application is put on hold. When you have provided the required information, the assessment process will re-commence.

Building Assessment (Building Rules Consent): 4 Weeks

If you don't provide all of the information required to assess the Application, a request for further information will be made which increases the time allowed for assessment.

- You have 12 weeks to provide the information required during which time the assessment of the Application is put on hold. When you have provided the required information the assessment process will recommence.

Land Division: 12 Weeks

The processing of Land Division Applications is co-ordinated by the Development Assessment Commission (DAC) (refer to Fact Sheet 17).



More time can be taken if the Assessment process is held up during the referral stages or more information is required from the Applicant. To reduce the amount of time taken for the assessment of an Application, the Applicant should ensure that all of the information required is provided when the Application is first lodged.

The information provided in this Development Fact Sheet is intended as a general guide only and readers are encouraged to refer to the Norwood Payneham & St Peters (City) Development Plan and to seek professional planning advice if necessary. This information is subject to frequent updates and this version was last updated in June 2016. The latest version can be downloaded via the Council's website at www.npsp.sa.gov.au. For further information, please contact the Council's Urban Planning & Environment Department on 8366 4530.
