

## HOME ACTIVITY

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Residents may be permitted to operate small-scale business from the site of their residential premises in some instances. This is known as a Home Activity, and is defined by the Development Regulations, 1993.

**A Home Activity is the use of a site by a person resident on the site that complies with the following criteria:**

- The floor or site area of the business shall not exceed 30 m<sup>2</sup> of floor area
- Not more than one other person in addition to the specified person shall work on the premises at any time
- No non-domestic requirements shall be placed upon any public utility
- No products or goods for sale or associated with the business shall be displayed
- No vehicles in excess of 3 tonne tare in weight shall be associated with or service the business
- There shall be no detrimental effect on the amenity of any part of the locality.

In determining whether the activity is having a detrimental effect on the locality, the following aspects (among others) are relevant:

- No sign other than a non-illuminated sign not exceeding 0.2 m<sup>2</sup> and displaying only the name, address and identification of the business or profession shall be permitted
- No nuisance shall be caused to any owner or occupier of land in the vicinity.

### **What type of activity may be deemed a nuisance?**

Nuisance is considered to be an activity that is an annoyance to another person and may include:

- Excessive noise
- Traffic - deliveries, parking etc.
- Excessive number of visitors to the property
- Activity outside of normal business hours
- Generation of fumes, dust, smoke etc.

Determining the levels of nuisance can be subjective and, in cases where there is a dispute relating to nuisance activity, Council may attempt to resolve any issues through mediation.

### **Is a Development Application necessary?**

Provided the business is conducted within the defined criteria of a Home Activity, an application to Council is **NOT** required under the Development Act, 1993.

It is advised, however, to give written notice to Council's Development Assessment Team of your intentions to undertake a Home Activity.

If your proposed activity does not conform to the criteria of a Home Activity, a Development Application will be required to be lodged with Council. It will be assessed against the relevant

provisions of the Adelaide (City) Development Plan in relation to the proposed land use. In such instances there is **NO** guarantee that consent will be granted.

**Other information sources**

- Development Information Guides  
[www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/council/planning/dev\\_assessment.asp](http://www.adelaidecitycouncil.com/council/planning/dev_assessment.asp)

It is also recommended to check with other authorities for any non-Council related requirements that may need to be met.

For further information, or to discuss your application, contact the Development Assessment Team on 8203 7185.

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