

Work on roads and footways

Brisbane City Council supports work on Council property such as roads and footways as part of construction work or business operations. Council regulates these activities to ensure public health and safety.

Find out the different types of work require approval and how to apply using the application/notice to work on Council property.

Related transactions

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Mall area requirements

There are separate requirements for [footpath dining](#) or where works are within a [mall area](#) as illustrated in grey below.

Mall areas in Queen Street Mall

Mall areas in Fortitude Valley

When you need approval

You require approval to work on, or use, Council property, such as roads and footways, for the activities listed in the table.

Construct or repair a driveway	For all commercial driveways and for residential driveways that require on-site inspection and assessment
Footway	To construct or repair a footpath
Deposit equipment and materials on the footway	Temporary placement of building materials on the footway, e.g. general landscaping supplies, shipping containers, industrial bin, construction site office, building materials, mini-skips, plant and machinery and temporary fences

	house construction, commercial development and plant and machinery
Excavate roadway or footway	Permit to open up or break the surface of any part of any street or footway, or to dig or remove any turf, sand, clay, soil or material from any part of any street or footway, for any lawful purpose - e.g. maintenance to utility services, construct infrastructure, geological drilling and roadway/footway enhancement If you are working on a roadway, you will also need to apply for a temporary lane and road closure.
Connect to Council stormwater drainage	Dig footway to lay drainage in order to connect to Council stormwater - e.g. connecting stormwater pipe/s to any of the following: kerb and channel, open drain, swale, enclosed drainage, stormwater gully or a culvert
Temporary use of footway (temporary stall)	To erect temporary structures such as tables and chairs on the footway - e.g. street stalls, stand/booth (for religious, charitable, educational or political purposes only) and footway closure. This does not include footpath dining.
Hoarding and gantry	To place a temporary fence around a building or structure under construction or repair, to erect temporary scaffolding or site sheds
Display or storage of goods on roadway or footway	Annual permit to display or store goods on a footway, but excludes driveway, deposit material and all road opening permits

When approval not required

You **do not require approval** for **depositing equipment** and materials, or **temporary use** of a **footway**, for less than **48 hours** when:

- it is outside the Brisbane Central Business District (CBD - refer to the Zone A - the [top](#) principal centre (city centre) zone (PC1) as identified in the [Brisbane City Plan 2014](#))

You must leave the following distance from the property alignment or kerb clear at all times to allow for safe pedestrian passage:

- in residential areas - 1.2 metres
- in CBD or business areas - 1.8 metres (additional permit conditions may apply).

Fees

Council calculates the application fee based on the zoning of the adjoining property. To complete the application form, you'll need to know the zoning of the property. Look up the property address on [Brisbane City Plan 2014](#) to find out which zone applies.

Council won't process an application until such time the correct application fee is paid. In the event Council identifies the property is in a different zone to what was selected in the application form, you will be contacted. It's important to select the correct zone category to avoid unnecessary delays.

Application type	Application fee	
Residential driveway that requires full assessment (including on-site inspection)	\$212.90	
Residential driveway - self-assessable	\$91.85	
Commercial driveway	\$660	

Application type	Application fee Zone A and B	Application fee Zone C
Footway - construct or repair footpath	\$325.6	\$162.80
Crossover kerb and channel	\$325.6	\$162.80
Excavate the roadway/footway	\$325.6	\$162.80
Connect to Council stormwater drainage	\$325.6	\$162.80
Temporary use of footway	\$325.6	\$162.80
Deposit equipment or materials on the footway	\$325.6	\$162.80
Hoarding and gantry	\$325.6	\$162.80

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Display or storage of goods on roadway or footway	\$325.6	\$162.80
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Charitable or religious organisations listed in Appendix A (a) and (b) of the [schedule of fees and charges](#) are exempt from this fee.

Following approval, a permit fee is payable for the following application types:

- temporary use of footway
- deposit equipment or materials on the footway
- hoarding and gantry.

Council calculates the permit fee using the following rates:

Zone	Unit	Permit fee
Zone A - the principal centre (city centre) zone (PC1) as identified in the <i>Brisbane City Plan 2014</i> (does not include the Queen Street Mall or the Valley Malls)	Each square metre of space utilised under the permit per week*	\$10.10
Zone B - the principal centre (regional centre) zone (PC2) or major centre zone (MC), district centre (corridor) (DC2), high density residential (HDR) and mixed use (MU) as identified in the <i>Brisbane City Plan 2014</i>	Each square metre of space utilised under the permit per week*	\$4.80
Zone C - other areas of Brisbane as identified in the <i>Brisbane City Plan 2014</i>	Each square metre of space utilised under the permit per week*	\$2.85

*Each applicable permit fee will incur a minimum one month charge which equates to 5 weeks.

The display or storage of goods on road or footway permit fee is calculated using the following rates:

Zone	Unit	Permit fee for display or storage of goods on road or footway
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of goods on road
or footway

Zone A - the principal centre (city centre) zone (PC1) as identified in the <i>Brisbane City Plan 2014</i> (does not include the Queen Street Mall or the Valley Malls)	Each square metre of space occupied under the permit each year	\$526.95
Zone B - the principal centre (regional centre) zone (PC2) or major centre zone (MC), district centre (corridor) (DC2), high density residential (HDR) and mixed use (MU) as identified in the <i>Brisbane City Plan 2014</i>	Each square metre of space occupied under the permit each year	\$238
Zone C - other areas of Brisbane as identified in the <i>Brisbane City Plan 2014</i>	Each square metre of space occupied under the permit each year	\$142.50

How to apply

1. Check *City Plan 2014 Online*

Find out what zone applies for your application using the online [Brisbane City Plan 2014](#) mapping tool.

2. Supporting documents

Prepare the attachments required for your online application as Word, PDF or JPG files. Attachments may include:

- site plan sketch (required):
 - identifying the location of the proposed work
 - relevant dimensions of any proposed temporary structures
 - location and extent of any proposed earthworks (cut, trench and/or filling)
 - how pedestrians will navigate around the proposed footway use
- approved plans (optional)
- site photos (optional)
- traffic management plan (optional).

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also require you to submit information prior to carrying out works such as photographic evidence of any existing damage to the footway.

3. Application/notice to work on Council property

Complete the [Application/notice to work on Council property online form](#), and:

- upload your supporting documents
- pay the application fee using Visa or MasterCard.

Alternatively, you can use the [hard copy form](#).

Council can process a well-made application within five working days where:

- the application is for:
 - temporary use of footway; or
 - depositing equipment or materials on a footway; or
 - display or storage of goods on a footway; or
 - excavation of a footway;
- the application is not associated with a Council issued development permit; and
- the application is for a suburban location.

The application must meet the guidelines and all applicable fees are paid.

For all other applications, that are incomplete or require further information, it is recommended the application is lodged 20 working days prior to the proposed commencement date.

Construction work zone application

Some areas of Brisbane have restricted space for construction works. If needed, Council can create a construction work zone to assist with loading and unloading equipment and materials for a work site by temporarily occupying the road. You require a permit for [construction work zones](#) or construction loading zones.

More information

For further information, phone Council's Business Hotline on 133 BNE (133 263).

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