



Frequently Asked Questions

Standardised Approvals Pathway

What are Standardised Approvals?

The Standardised Approvals Pathway is an additional assessment pathway under Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for select low-risk prescribed premises categories. The pathway establishes an assessment process where risk is considered upfront through the application of predefined eligibility criteria and standard conditions. It operates within the existing Part V assessment framework and does not replace the general assessment pathway.

Do Standardised Approvals replace the existing approvals process?

No. The Standardised Approvals Pathway does not replace the existing approvals process. It applies only where eligibility criteria are met. Applications that are not suitable will continue through the general assessment pathway.

Is the Standardised Approvals Pathway a pilot?

Yes. The Standardised Approvals Pathway is being introduced through a pilot program, with an initial release of select categories. The Department will monitor how the pathway operates, gather insights from applications received, and consider feedback from applicants and stakeholders to inform future refinements and decisions about ongoing implementation.

Who is the pathway for?

The Standardised Approvals Pathway can only be used where:

- there is a Standardised Approval Pathway available for the relevant prescribed premises category;
- the application meets **all** defined eligibility criteria; and
- the applicant can comply with **all** the standard conditions in the relevant Standardised Approval instrument.

In all other cases an application will be assessed through the general assessment pathway.

The pathway is currently being introduced through a pilot program with an initial release of select categories.

How do I apply?

Applicants must:

- review the relevant category guideline;



- complete the eligibility checklist; and
- submit an application through Environment Online; or
- submit an application using [‘IR-F09 Application form - works approvals, licences etc.’](#)

What information is available to support my application?

For each category, the Department publishes:

- eligibility criteria and eligibility checklists
- fact sheets and guidelines
- standard instruments and decision statements.

These documents provide clear upfront expectations on requirements and outcomes.

How are applications assessed?

The Standardised Approvals Pathway involves the assessment of risk upfront through the application of eligibility criteria and standard conditions. Applications received through the pathway are assessed against the eligibility criteria. Consideration is also given to any submissions received through advertising of the application.

Are approvals still enforceable?

Yes.

Standardised Approval instruments (works approvals, licences and registrations) are issued in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and have the same legal standing as those granted through the general pathway.

Will my application still be advertised?

Yes.

Applications are publicly advertised, and submissions are considered as part of the assessment process.

Can I apply for multiple categories?

Yes. Your application can include:

- multiple categories that are available through a Standardised Approvals Pathway; or
- a combination of categories that are available through a Standardised Approvals Pathway, and those that are only available through the general assessment pathway.



Can I include other approvals (e.g native vegetation clearing)?

No.

Separate approvals (such as native vegetation clearing permits) must be applied for independently under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

What happens if my application is not eligible for the pathway?

Applications will be progressed through the general assessment pathway if:

- eligibility criteria are not met, or
- further assessment is required.

Are fees and appeal rights the same?

Yes

Standardised Approvals are subject to the same fees and appeal provisions as the general assessment pathway.