



Home Business

Do you want to work from home?

The Gladstone Regional Council Planning Scheme supports residents to operate a small scale business from their home.

The business, however, must maintain the character of the neighbourhood, preserve the amenity of adjoining premises, and not compromise the viability of other shopping centres within the Gladstone region.

The home based business must be small scale and therefore involve no more than 10 individual vehicle trips per day. Business must be conducted by a permanent resident of the dwelling house but up to two non-resident employees may be employed.

A home based business may operate in every zone except for:

- Neighbourhood centres
- Specialised centres
- Low impact; medium impact; and special Industry
- Special purpose
- Tourism
- Open space; and
- Conservation.

A bed and breakfast is a home based business and must be carried out within the dwelling house. You may have up to two guest bedrooms if you live in a residential area or four guest bedrooms in a rural zone.

Do I need to apply for approval?

Home based businesses are self-assessable against the home based business development code, as specified in Part 9 of the planning scheme. If you meet the requirements of the code's right-hand column you are self-assessable.

If you do not meet the requirements - for example hours of operation - the lodgement of a town planning application is required.

Most low impact type uses, such as child care, hairdressing, a home office or a bed and breakfast, can be a home business.

However a shop or uses involving the repairing, servicing, cleaning or loading of motor vehicles will not be approved as a home based business.

More information

The Gladstone Regional Council Planning Scheme can be viewed online at www.grcplanningscheme.com.au.

If you have further questions about starting a home based business from your residential property, or wish to apply for a self-assessable compliance check, please call Council's Planning Officers, who will be pleased to assist you.

How can you contact us?



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