

SELF-ASSESSABLE DEVELOPMENT

(for projects affecting fisheries resources or habitats)

SELF-ASSESSABLE CODES

Self-assessable codes apply to low-impact projects involving operational works for constructing or raising a waterway barrier; all operational and building works in a declared Fish Habitat Area; operational works that disturb marine plants, and material change of use of premises for aquaculture. That is those works that will have only a minor impact on the environment and community.

A self-assessable code is a set of rules relevant to a particular development. A self-assessable code allows you to proceed with your development without the requirement of lodging a development application for a permit from Fisheries Queensland (DEEDI). Although no approval is required from DEEDI, you may need to obtain development approvals from other State and/or local government agencies. If the plans for your development comply with the rules of a particular code, you must register your development as self-assessable with DEEDI. If your development does not qualify for a self-assessable code, you will need to apply for a development permit from DEEDI.

Developments which may qualify for a self-assessable code:

Constructing or raising a waterway barrier

Developments of this nature are self-assessable providing the barrier is planned for a freshwater waterway and will be:

- more than 100km inland from the coastline
- in the smallest unbranched tributary of a stream
- no more than 1m high from the lowest point on the stream bed (see code no. WWBW01)

OR

- temporary (no more than 21 calendar days in tidal waters and 42 calendar days in freshwater)
- no more than 20m in length measured across the waterway, and
- no more than 10 metres wide (see code no. WWBW02)

OR

- regularly built temporary barrier, and
- constructed within the lower burdekin River (see code no. WWBW03)

Operational works in a declared Fish Habitat Area

Projects of this nature are self-assessable providing the work is required:

- to maintain legally built existing structures such as boat ramps, boardwalks, drains, fences, jetties, roads, safety signs, swimming enclosures and weirs (see code no. MP02)

OR

- To maintain existing power lines or associated infrastructure (see code no. MP04)

OR

- minor impact works in a declared fish habitat area or involving the removal destruction or damage of marine plants (see code no. MP06)

Works that disturb, destroy or damage marine plants

Projects of this nature are self-assessable providing the work is required:

- to remove dead marine wood from unallocated state land for trade or commerce. (For this you would need a Resource Allocation Authority from DEEDI) (See code no. MP01)

OR

- to maintain legally built existing structures such as board ramps, boardwalks, drains fences, jetties, roads, safety signs, swimming enclosures and weirs (see code no. MP02).

OR

- for maintenance of on-farm drains (see code no. MP03).

OR

- to maintain existing power lines or associated infrastructure (see code no. MP04).

OR

- for education or research purposes or to monitor the impact of development on marine plants (see code no. MP05)

OR

- minor impact works in a declared fish habitat area or involving the removal destruction or damage of marine plants (see code no. MP06)

Aquaculture farm establishment works

Projects of this nature are self-assessable providing the work does not cause waste discharge into off-site waters and the species farmed are:

- native freshwater fish which are indigenous to the catchment and are held in ponds or above-ground tanks with a total water surface area of no more than 5ha (restricted to certain areas only)

OR

- native freshwater fish intended for aquarium display or human consumption only, kept in rain-proofed above-ground tanks with a total area of no more than 50 square metres (excluding water storage area)

OR

- exotic fish intended only for aquarium display, kept in rain-proofed above-ground tanks with a total area of no more than 50 square metres (excluding water storage)

OR

- native marine fish intended for aquarium display only, kept in rain-proofed above-ground tanks with a total area of no more than 50 square metres (excluding water storage area) (see code no. AQUA01)

If you think your project qualifies under any of the above, phone DEEDI and request the relevant self-assessable code.

IMPORTANT:

Before you commence work on your project you must register with DEEDI. The registration form is attached to each self-assessable code.

CONTACT OFFICES

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