

GATES & GRIDS

About Gates and Grids

In some circumstances, a gate, or a gate and grid may be required for genuine primary production purposes where other methods of controlling livestock, such as fencing is impractical. Council's Gates and Grids Policy ensures that where a gate, or a gate and grid are permitted they are installed, managed and maintained to an acceptable and consistent standard which minimises unreasonable nuisance and safety risk to road users.

Council will not approve the installation of a grid without a gate.

Obligations of the Responsible Person

As the Responsible Person for a gate or gate and grid, you have a number of obligations, these are outlined in full as conditions in your Decision Notice. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Maintaining public liability insurance and providing this to Council.
- Ensuring compliance with all conditions of the approval.
- Undertaking annual compliance inspections of your structure.
- Ensuring appropriate drainage for your gate or gate and grid.
- Ensuring sufficient maintenance of your gate or gate and grid and associated signage requirements.

- Maintaining your approval by renewing at the appropriate times.
- Additional requirements during the application and construction phase.

How to Lodge an Application

To lodge an application for a new Gates and Grids Approval you will need to submit the following:

- A completed Application Form;
- The Application Fee;
- Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance;
- A location plan showing the location of the proposed structure – this must include the distance in km from the closest intersecting road;
- A design of the proposed structure/s;
- Registered Professional Engineer of Queensland (RPEQ) certification for the grid *where not a pre-cast 'heavy duty' Aprilla Grid (or approved equivalent); and*
- *Engineered design of gate where not a gate as per 6.0m gate detail – CMDG standard drawing-G-019.*

Fees and Charges

Please see Council's Fees and Charges schedule for current fees. There is a fee for the application of a new gate or gate and grid and also a renewal fee for the continued renewal of your existing approval.

There is no fee for the transfer of an approval or the cancellation of a Responsible Person.



The Application Process

Once your application is received, Council will ensure all information is received before issuing you with a Properly Made Letter. This letter will provide you with your application number and will confirm that you can commence public notification.

Council will assess your application and will contact you within 10 business days of your Properly Made Letter if anything further is required to decide your application.

Once all information is received and the public notification stage is complete, Council will decide your application within 10 business days.

Public Notification

When a new gate or gate and grid is proposed across a road, the application must go through public notification to allow other affected residents and road users an opportunity to make comment on the proposal. Any submission received during this period will be considered by Council when deciding your application.

Please see the Gates and Grids Public Notification Guide for further details.

Renewal Process

As the Responsible Person of a Gates and Grids Approval, you will receive a renewal notice before your approval expires.

You are required to submit the following before your permit expires to avoid enforcement action for a non-compliant gate or grid:

- A completed Approval Renewal Form;
- The approval renewal fee;
- An updated Certificate of Currency for Public Liability Insurance; and
- Your completed compliance inspection checklist.

Once the above documents are received, you may be issued with a new Gates and Grids Approval for a new term.

Cancelling or Transferring to a New Owner

If the Responsible Person sells their property and no longer requires the gate or gate and grid, they must notify Council on the approved Cancellation or Transfer Form. This form can also be used to transfer the approval to the new owner who will become the new Responsible Person. If transferring to a new Responsible Person, the new Responsible Person must provide a copy of their Public Liability Insurance.

A copy of the approval will be issued identifying the new Responsible Person and the original term of approval will remain.

There is no fee for this transfer and there is no refund for any cancellation.

