



SECONDARY DWELLING

What is a Secondary Dwelling?

Secondary dwellings, commonly known as “Granny Flats” or “relatives apartment” are dwellings used in conjunction with a dwelling house on the same lot. The residential use remains as one household.

A secondary dwelling can be constructed under a dwelling house, attached to a dwelling house or free standing.

What is the definition of one household?

The *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* defines a household as:

- an individual or
- a group of two or more related or unrelated people

Who reside in the dwelling, with the common intention to live together on a long-term basis and who make common provision for food or other essentials for living. A household contains one (1) water and sewer connection to the premises.

Do I need a development permit?

The construction of a secondary dwelling is considered as accepted development.

What is the difference between a Secondary Dwelling and a Dual Occupancy?

If a premises containing two (2) dwellings are used as separate households then the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015* describes this development as a Dual Occupancy.

Commonly referred to as a “duplex” or “flats”, a dual occupancy can obtain a separate connection to Council’s water and sewer services and rubbish collection.

A dual occupancy is accepted development subject to meeting the requirements of the planning scheme.

It is advised that you seek further clarification from Council regarding the development requirements.

Can I put the Secondary Dwelling anywhere on my lot?

As required for any structure, the dwelling must meet the requirements of the Queensland Development Code (QDC) in relation to siting and design.



