

HOME BASED BUSINESS

What is a Home Based Business?

A home based business is a small scale business operating in a dwelling or domestic outbuilding (e.g. shed) that is secondary to the residential use.

Some examples of home based businesses include:



Beauty or Massage Service



Small scale food preparation or bed and breakfast



Home office



Home based child care

Do I need Council approval to start a Home Based Business?

In a residential zone of the Rockhampton Region, a home based business is accepted development so long as the acceptable outcomes of the relevant zone code and works code are met.

This means that, in many cases no Council approval is required for the operation of a home based business however if any building or plumbing works are occurring then further permits may be required.



Requirements for a Home Based Business in a residential zone.

The table below includes a list of the acceptable outcomes as per the residential zone code requirements in the *Rockhampton Region Planning Scheme 2015*.

If the home based business exceeds the below requirements then a development application for Council approval will be required.

Please contact Rockhampton Regional Council's duty planner for further information.

Acceptable Outcomes for a Home Based Business in a Residential Zone	
AO6.1	The home based business has a maximum gross floor area of fifty (50) square metres (except for a bed and breakfast accommodation or home based child care).
AO6.2	The home based business is carried out within an existing building or structure.
AO6.3	Hours of operation are between the hours of 07:00 and 19:00 Monday to Saturday and 08:00 and 19:00 Sunday and public holidays (except for a bed and breakfast accommodation or home based child care).
AO6.4	The home based business involves a minimum of one (1) resident of the dwelling.
AO6.5	A maximum of one (1) worker, not residing in the dwelling house, is employed in the home based business.
AO6.6	The home based business contains visitor parking within the site.
AO6.7	The home based business where for bed and breakfast accommodation: (a) the combined total number of guests and permanent residents does not exceed twelve (12) persons at any one time; and (b) guests stay a maximum of fourteen (14) consecutive nights.
AO6.8	Goods or services for sale or hire are not displayed where they are visible from the street frontage or an adjoining residential premise.
AO6.9	No more than one (1) commercial vehicle is associated with the business and the vehicle does not exceed a gross vehicle mass of 4.5 tonnes tare weight.
AO6.10	The home based business does not generate traffic exceeding ten (10) vehicle trips per day and the trips are not by a vehicle exceeding a gross vehicle mass of 4.5 tonnes tare weight.
AO6.11	Noise levels do not exceed acoustic quality objectives under the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008, as updated from time to time.

