

Application for Approval of a Noise Management Plan

This Form is for the purposes of applying for an approval of a submitted Noise Management Plan to undertake out-of-hours construction work under regulation 13 of the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

Prior to completing this application form, the applicant must first read the Construction Noise Fact Sheet prepared by the City's Health Services.

Applications should be lodged as early as possible and at the latest must be received not later than 7 days before the proposed commencement of the construction work.

Applicant Details			
Applicants Name:			
Name of Business:			
ABN/ACN:			
Postal Address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Daytime Phone:		Mobile:	
Email:			
Signature:			
Date of Application:			

Principal Contractor Details (if different to above)			
Name of Business:			
Contact Name:			
ABN/ACN:			
Postal Address:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Daytime Phone:		Mobile:	
Email:			

Site Details			
Name of Premises/Site (if applicable):			
Location of Construction Site:			
Suburb:		Postcode:	
Proposed Dates:			
Proposed Times:			

Important Information - a Noise Management Plan must be submitted with this application form. The Noise Management Plan must provide the following minimum information:

- ☐ Details of the proposed works, and reasons for undertaking works outside of the prescribed hours of 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays).
- ☐ Intended dates, times and the expected duration of works likely to result in noise emissions that exceed the standard prescribed.
- ☐ List all types of machinery used with dbA levels at one metre and sound power levels (SWL) and details of all activities that are likely to result in high noise emissions, such as concrete cutting, with predictions of noise emissions on the construction site.
- ☐ Details of any procedures that may be implemented for monitoring noise emissions.
- ☐ Detailed location map showing the area of intended works including details of nearby crossroads and junctions.
- ☐ Details of mitigation measures that will be implemented to control noise emissions, such as placing machinery away from nearby residential properties and use of acoustic barriers etc.
- ☐ Noise contour maps showing the noise impacts on surrounding properties and lists of residences and businesses that will require written notification. All noise sensitive premises including adjacent businesses such as motels that will be subject to noise emissions in excess of the assigned levels must be notified at least 48 hours in advance of the intended works.
- ☐ Details of complaint procedures that will be adopted including an example of the public notification flyer. There must be a contact number that is able to be answered by a person onsite at the time of the works. Telephone answering services or contacts that are only available during office hours are not acceptable.

Please refer over for information regarding legislation requirements; what is allowed; what is construction work; applying for an approval to undertake out of hours construction works; prior to submitting an application; lodging your application; and application fee.

Legislation Requirements

Emission of noise in Western Australia is regulated by the *Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (Regulations)*. The *Regulations* prescribe assigned (permitted) noise levels that can be emitted at a particular time of day relative to the location of a noise sensitive premises. The *Regulations* recognise that in some situations it is impracticable to comply with these levels.

Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (available from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office at www.legislation.wa.gov.au).

What is allowed?

Between the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Saturday construction noise can be emitted in excess of the assigned levels provided that the quietest reasonably available machinery is used and the requirements of AS 2436-2010 *Guide to noise and vibration control on construction, maintenance and demolition sites* is adhered to. Outside of these hours, including public holidays, the *Regulations* require that in order to undertake noisy construction works an approval is obtained from the relevant Local Government.

What is construction work?

Construction work is defined as the construction, erection, installation, alteration, repair, maintenance, cleaning, painting, renewal, removal, excavation, dismantling or demolition of, or addition to any building or structure. The definition is broad and includes road works and earth works.

Applying for an approval to undertake out of hours construction works

Approval may be issued if there are circumstances and valid reasons that require works to be undertaken outside the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Saturday e.g. road works on a major road that would cause significant disruption to the community if undertaken during the normal hours.

An application, accompanied by a Noise Management Plan should be submitted as early as possible. At the latest, applications must be submitted no later than seven (7) days prior to the proposed commencement date.

Prior to submitting an application, please note the following:

- A Noise Management Plan must be prepared by a person suitably qualified and experienced in acoustics. It is expected that the Noise Management Plan is prepared by an acoustic consultant who is a member, or their organisation is a member of either the Australian Acoustical Society (<https://www.acoustics.org.au/>) or the Association of Australian Acoustical Consultants (<https://aaac.org.au/>).
- Approvals to undertake noisy works on weekends i.e. after 7:00pm on Saturday or any time on a Sunday (including Sunday night onto Monday morning prior to 7:00am) or Public Holiday will only be approved where deemed absolutely necessary by the City.
- The use of tonal reversing beepers will not be approved at any time. Non-tonal alternatives such as broad band or "croaker alarms" must be used.

- The scope of works must, where practicable, take all measures to ensure that the amenity of the residents is considered at all times. It would be expected that noisier works are where possible undertaken in the earlier part of the night. Works that can be undertaken during day time hours, for example mulching trees that have been cut down, should not be undertaken during night time periods.
- Submission of an application does not guarantee that an approval will be issued. The City must be satisfied that the works are genuinely unable to be undertaken during the hours of 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays).
- Should further clarification be required please contact one of the City's Authorised Noise Officers who can be contacted on (08) 9477 7222 or by emailing belmont@belmont.wa.gov.au marked attention of Health Services.

Lodging Your Application

Prior to completing this form, the applicant should ensure they have first read the Construction Noise Fact Sheet prepared by the City's Health Services.

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The application fee is \$267.81.