



camden council fact sheet

Do I Need a Development Application (DA)?

Not all development requires a DA. We class some low impact development as either 'exempt' or 'complying' development – any development that fits this description can follow a different path for approval.

Several years ago, after it became apparent that many people and businesses were finding it difficult to invest in NSW because of delays during the DA process, the NSW Government brought in this system of exempt and complying development, to avoid more straightforward proposals getting caught in the system.

The document that controls exempt and complying development is the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008, which we will refer to as the Codes SEPP.

What is exempt development?	What is complying development?
<p>Exempt development is low impact development that meets standards set out in the Codes SEPP. Exempt development does not need planning or construction approval.</p> <p>Examples of development that can be exempt development include decks, garden sheds, business change of use, home business, carports, fences, minor building alterations and some advertising and signage.</p> <p>As long as the proposed development meets the standards identified in the Codes SEPP approval is not needed.</p> <p>View the Department of Planning and Environment's Understanding Exempt Development fact sheet.</p>	<p>Complying development combines planning and construction approval for any development that meets pre-determined development standards outlined in the Codes SEPP.</p> <p>Either a Council certifier or a private certifier will need to assess whether your proposal is complying development and, if it is, will issue a complying development certificate (CDC).</p> <p>Internal alterations, changing the use of an existing shop, office or warehouse, or business signage are examples of complying development under the Codes SEPP.</p> <p>View the Department of Planning and Environment's Understanding Complying Development fact sheet.</p>

It is worth finding out if your proposal can be considered under the Codes SEPP, as this could save you a lot of time and money. You will only need to lodge a DA if you find that your development can't be considered under the Codes SEPP.