

Did you know?

If your property is located in a bushfire prone area, we recommend speaking with an accredited bushfire consultant before making any investment or preparing plans.



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- Send us an enquiry
- Lodge your application (planning approval or building permit)
- Find policies and guidelines

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HOLIDAY UNITS/CHALETs



How is a holiday unit or chalet different from a holiday home?

A holiday unit or chalet is a small, self-contained house on a property that is rented out for short term accommodation.

This is a *hosted* form of accommodation where the landowner or manager lives on the same site. We class this as 'Holiday Accommodation'.

If the owner or manager does not live on site, renting a single house as *unhosted* short-stay accommodation is classed as a 'Holiday Home' (see separate brochure for details).

Hosted forms of accommodation are preferred as they support proactive management and guest servicing.



How many holiday units/chalets can I have on my property?

If your property is in the Rural Zone, you can apply to develop up to two units/chalets (property access from gravel road) or up to four units/chalets (property access from sealed road).

In the Residential, Commercial and Professional Office zones you can apply to use an Ancillary Dwelling as Holiday Accommodation if you live full-time on the property.

If your property is in a zone not mentioned above please contact us to ask whether the zoning allows for Holiday Accommodation.

Do I need to apply?

Yes, planning approval is required before starting any type of short stay accommodation.

All applications for Holiday Accommodation are sent to adjoining landowners for comment so that issues can be raised and addressed.

New building works also require building approval (certification and permit).

Any new or converted building used as holiday accommodation will need to meet the Class 1B standards of the Building Code of Australia, including smoke alarms and exit lighting.

What are the standard requirements for units/chalets?

- Owner/manager living on the property
- Each unit/chalet may have no more than two bedrooms
- Each unit/chalet must be connected to scheme water (or a water supply of minimum 92,000 litres per unit/chalet) and an approved wastewater treatment system
- All units/chalets must be located and built in a way that is sensitive to the surrounding landscape, including natural screening and building colours
- All units/chalets in bushfire prone areas need to meet the requirements of State Planning Policy 3.7 and the Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas
- If a property is accessed from a gravel road you may be required to contribute to upgrading of the road
- Health registration as an accommodation premises

Other requirements may apply to your property. Refer to *Local Planning Policy No. 7* at www.denmark.wa.gov.au or contact us for further information.