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TASMANIA

APPROVALS (DEADLINES) ACT 1993

No. 41 of 1993

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APPROVALS (DEADLINES) ACT 1993

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An Act to provide for the expeditious grant of approvals

[Royal Assent 10 September 1993]

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Approvals (Deadlines) Act 1993*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

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3. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears –

appeal includes a right of review;

approval means an approval, licence, permit or other authority specified in Schedule 1;

relevant Act means the Act under which an application for an approval may be determined;

responsible Minister means the Minister administering an enactment (other than this Act) by virtue of the operation of which an approval is required.

4. Applications for approval to be determined within certain periods

- (1) Where an application for an approval is required to be determined by a person or body, that person or body must determine the application within the period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the approval.
- (2) A period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the determination of an application for an approval must not exceed the period within which that application is required to be determined under any other Act.

5. Power of responsible Minister to require decision-maker to determine application

- (1) Where an application for an approval is not determined by the appropriate person or body within the period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the approval, the responsible Minister may require that person or body to determine the application within 14 days of the expiration of that period, or such lesser period as the Minister may specify.
- (2) The responsible Minister may extend the 14 day period, or the lesser period specified by the responsible Minister under subsection (1), if the responsible Minister considers that exceptional circumstances exist for extending that period.

6. Existing rights of appeal preserved

A person who would have been entitled to appeal under the relevant Act against the determination of an application for an approval under that Act may exercise the right of appeal in respect of the determination of the application notwithstanding that the responsible Minister has required the determination to be made within a period specified by the responsible Minister under section 5.

7. Amendment of Schedule 1

- (1) The Governor may by order –
 - (a) amend Schedule 1; or

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- (b) repeal Schedule 1 and substitute another Schedule for the Schedule repealed.
- (2) The provisions of section 47 (3), (3A), (4), (5), (6) and (7) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1931* apply to an order under this section as if the order were regulations within the meaning of that Act.

8. Administration of Act

Until provision is made in relation to this Act by order under section 4 of the *Administrative Arrangements Act 1990* –

- (a) the administration of this Act is assigned to the Minister for Environment and Land Management; and
- (b) the Department responsible to the Minister for Environment and Land Management in relation to the administration of this Act is the Department of Environment and Land Management.

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SCHEDULE 1 – APPROVAL TIME LIMITS

Sections 3, 4 and 5

Approval

Period

*Agricultural and
Veterinary Chemicals
(Control of Use) Act 1995*

Permit to use a
chemical product

60 days from the day on which an application under Schedule 5 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995* is received by the Registrar of Chemical Products.

Commercial operator
licence

60 days from the day on which an application under Schedule 5 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995* is received by the Registrar of Chemical Products.

Restricted chemical
product permit

60 days from the day on which an application under Schedule 5 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995* is received by the Registrar of Chemical Products.

Agricultural spraying
permit

60 days from the day on which an application under Schedule 5 of the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995* is received by the Registrar of Chemical Products.

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Approval	Period
Pilot (chemical rating) licence	60 days from the day on which an application under Schedule 5 of the <i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995</i> is received by the Registrar of Chemical Products.
Agricultural aircraft operator licence	60 days from the day on which an application under Schedule 5 of the <i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1995</i> is received by the Registrar of Chemical Products.
<i>Apiaries Act 1978</i>	
Registration as a bee-keeper	60 days from the day on which an application under section 4(1) of the <i>Apiaries Act 1978</i> is received by the Secretary of the responsible Department.
<i>Apple and Pear Industry (Crop Insurance) Act 1982</i>	
Fruit crop insurance policy	60 days from the day on which an application under section 7(2) of the <i>Apple and Pear Industry (Crop Insurance) Act 1982</i> is received by the Tasmanian Government Insurance Board.

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Approval	Period
<i>Child Care Act 2001</i>	
Grant or renewal of a licence, an exemption or an approval of approved premises under that Act	90 days from the day on which the application under that Act is received by the Secretary, within the meaning of that Act.
<i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i>	
Reservation of Crown land as a public reserve under section 8 of the <i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i>	180 days from the day on which an application in a form approved by the responsible Minister is received by that Minister.
Sale of Crown land under section 13 of the <i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i>	180 days from the day on which an application in a form approved by the responsible Minister is received by that Minister.
Lease of Crown land under section 29 of the <i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i>	180 days from the day on which an application in a form approved by the responsible Minister is received by that Minister.
Temporary licence under section 42 of the <i>Crown Lands Act 1976</i>	180 days from the day on which an application in a form approved by the responsible Minister is received by that Minister.

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Approval	Period
<i>Dairy Industry Act 1994</i>	
Dairy farmer's licence, processor's licence, manufacturer's licence, vendor's licence	60 days from the day on which an application under section 18 of the <i>Dairy Industry Act 1994</i> is received by the Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority.
<i>Fisheries Act 1959</i>	
Fishing-boat licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 5 of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Fisherman's licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 9 of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Commercial crayfish-pot licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 9B of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the relevant Minister.
Non-commercial crayfish-pot licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 11 of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.

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Approval	Period
Special crayfish licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 12 of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Scallop licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 14 of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Non-commercial scallop licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 15 of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Non-commercial diving licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 17B of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Commercial diving licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 17CA of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.

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Approval	Period
Purse seine fishing licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 17CC of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Processing premises licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 17CI of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
Scallop spat collection licence	60 days from the day on which an application under regulation 30A of the <i>Sea Fisheries Regulations 1962</i> is received by the Director of Sea Fisheries.
<i>Local Government Act 1962</i>	
Approval of a septic tank installation	60 days from the day on which plans and specifications under section 558(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1962</i> are received by the responsible Minister.
Consent of a municipal corporation to an offensive trade	60 days from the day on which plans and specifications under section 612(2)(b) of the <i>Local Government Act 1962</i> are received by the municipal corporation.

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Approval	Period
Approval by the Commissioner for Town and Country Planning of a scheme for a building estate or a plan of subdivision	60 days from the day on which a proposal plan is received by the Commissioner for Town and Country Planning under section 757(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 1962</i> .
<i>Mining Act 1929</i>	
Exploration licence	120 days from the day on which an application under section 15B(2) of the <i>Mining Act 1929</i> is received by the Director of Mines.
Retention licence	180 days from the day on which an application under section 15BA(6) of the <i>Mining Act 1929</i> is received by the Director of Mines.
Mining lease	180 days from the day on which an application under section 32 of the <i>Mining Act 1929</i> is received by the Director of Mines.
<i>Poisons Act 1971</i>	
Licence to carry on business as a manufacturing or wholesale chemist	60 days from the day on which an application under section 16(1) of the <i>Poisons Act 1971</i> is received by the responsible Minister.

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Approval	Period
Licence to grow or cultivate a prohibited plant	60 days from the day on which an application under Part V of the <i>Poisons Act 1971</i> is received by the responsible Minister.
<i>Public Health Act 1962</i>	
Approval of places of assembly	60 days from the day on which the materials referred to in section 57(3) of the <i>Public Health Act 1962</i> are received by the responsible Minister.
Approval of premises for the manufacture, preparation, packing or storage of food for sale	60 days from the day on which the materials referred to in section 120A(2) of the <i>Public Health Act 1962</i> are received by the responsible Minister.
Registration of premises for the purpose of the <i>Public Health (Skin Penetration) Regulations 1978</i>	60 days from the day on which an application is received by the municipal corporation.
<i>Vermin Destruction Act 1950</i>	
Permit to keep rabbits or other vermin	60 days from the day on which an application under section 21A(2) of the <i>Vermin Destruction Act 1950</i> is received by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

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NOTES

The foregoing text of the *Approvals (Deadlines) Act 1993* comprises those instruments as indicated in the following table. Any reprint changes made under any Act, in force before the commencement of the *Legislation Publication Act 1996*, authorising the reprint of Acts and statutory rules or permitted under the *Legislation Publication Act 1996* and made before 31 October 2025 are not specifically referred to in the following table of amendments.

Act	Number and year	Date of commencement
<i>Approvals (Deadlines) Act 1993</i>	No. 41 of 1993	10.9.1993
<i>Statute Law Revision Act 1994</i>	No. 68 of 1994	25.11.1994
<i>Workplace Health and Safety (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995</i>	No. 14 of 1995	16.8.1995
<i>Environmental Management and Pollution Control (Consequential Amendments) Act 1996</i>	No. 37 of 1996	25.1.1996
<i>Animal Health (Consequential Amendments) Act 1995</i>	No. 75 of 1995	1.9.1996
<i>Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) (Consequential Amendments) Act 1996</i>	No. 8 of 1996	1.1.1997
<i>Children, Young Persons and Their Families and Youth Justice (Consequential Repeals and Amendments) Act 1998</i>	No. 2 of 1998	1.7.2000
<i>Regional Forest Agreement (Land Classification) Consequential Amendments Act 2000</i>	No. 55 of 2000	31.12.2001 (s. 4 and Sched. 2)
<i>Pharmacists Registration Act 2001</i>	No. 90 of 2001	1.4.2002
<i>Child Care Act 2001</i>	No. 62 of 2001	1.9.2003
<i>Radiation Protection Act 2005</i>	No. 48 of 2005	1.6.2006
<i>Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment Act 2007</i>	No. 45 of 2007	29.5.2008
<i>Water Legislation Amendment Act 2008</i>	No. 56 of 2008	11.2.2009
<i>Dangerous Goods and Substances (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2005</i>	No. 52 of 2005	1.7.2009
<i>Health Service Establishments Act 2006</i>	No. 17 of 2006	1.10.2011

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Act	Number and year	Date of commencement
<i>Work Health and Safety (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Act 2012</i>	No. 2 of 2012	1.1.2013
<i>Biosecurity (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Act 2020</i>	No. 18 of 2020	17.5.2023 (Sched. 4) 31.10.2025 (Sched. 2)

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

Provision affected	How affected
Schedule 1	Amended by No. 68 of 1994, s. 3 and Sched. 1, No. 14 of 1995, s. 3 and Sched. 1, No. 75 of 1995, s. 3 and Sched. 1, No. 8 of 1996, s. 3 and Sched. 1, No. 2 of 1998, Sched. 2, No. 55 of 2000, Sched. 2, No. 62 of 2001, Sched. 2, No. 90 of 2001, Sched. 6, No. 48 of 2005, Sched. 5, No. 52 of 2005, Sched. 1, No. 17 of 2006, Sched. 3, No. 45 of 2007, s. 30, No. 56 of 2008, s. 133, No. 2 of 2012, s. 27 and No. 18 of 2020, Sched. 2 and Sched. 4