

ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL

What is an Environmental Approval?

An Environmental Approval is a permission granted by the National Environment Service for any activities that have minimal environmental impacts.

How do I know I need an Environmental Approval?

Applicants will be requested to complete an Environment Significance Declaration (ESD) Form to determine if an environmental approval is required

What are examples of activities that require an Environmental Approval?

Examples are not limited to the following;

- Construction (eg: extensions/refurbishments)
- Residential dwelling
- Land Clearance
- Tree Cutting
- Trek Clearing

Who needs an Environmental Approval?

Anyone wishing to undertake any form of activities that could cause a minimal environmental impact.

Who grants Environmental Approval?

NES Director grants the approval.

What is the fee for an Environmental Approval?

An Environmental Approval for the construction of a residential dwelling is \$50 per application.

An Environmental Approval for non-construction purposes is free of charge.

What is the process of obtaining an Environmental Approval?

Refer to the Environmental Process Map below.

Who to contact for more information regarding an Environment Approval?

Refer to the contact details below.



ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL PROCESS MAP



5 Working Days



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APPLICATION RECEIVED

ASSESSMENT

APPROVAL

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Applicant to complete and submit ESD Form with supporting documents.	NES to review and conduct onsite inspection.	If no consent or permit required, NES may grant an Environmental Approval. Service to notify applicant and issue an Environmental Approval in writing from the Director (with or without conditions). The applicant must also obtain a Sanitation Permit from Te Marae Ora Ministry of Health and a Building Permit from Infrastructure Cook Islands prior to any construction or development.
Timeline	5 working days	5 working days