

Building Information Sheet - Deck

What is a deck?

A deck is a flat surface capable of supporting weight. It is similar to a floor, but typically constructed outdoors, connected to a building and often elevated from the ground. It is a class 10b structure.

Do I need a Building Permit?

Yes, a Building Permit is generally required for the construction of any deck raised above natural ground level.

The Building Code of Australia (BCA) requires any deck, regardless of height or size, to be setback a minimum of 900mm from any boundary for fire separation purposes. Any proposed deck raised more than 0.5m above natural ground level may require screening to comply with the Residential Design Codes.

Please note Planning approval may be required for a deck, before a building permit can be issued. For further information please contact the City on 9394 5000 or via email at info@armadale.wa.gov.au

For more detailed information on how to apply, please visit <https://my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/apply-for-building-approval>.

Do I need to be a registered builder?

No, you do not need to have a builder's registration for decking.

What is a certified application?

A certified building permit application must be accompanied by a Certificate of Design Compliance BA3 form (CDC) issued by a registered, independent building surveyor. A certified application can be submitted for all residential and commercial classified structures.

The City has up to 10 business days to assess a certified application, unless further information is required.

What is an uncertified application?

An uncertified application is submitted to the City for assessment against relevant building standards by one of the City's registered building surveyors. A CDC will be issued by the City. An uncertified application can only be submitted for class 1a and class 10 structures.

The City has up to 25 business days to assess an uncertified application, unless further information is required.

How long is my permit valid for?

A building permit issued by the City of Armadale is valid for two years from the date on which it was granted. If more time is required to complete the building works, you can make an application for an extension of time. To apply for an extension of time, please visit <https://my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/apply-for-building-approval>.

What happens when I have completed my building works?

The nominated builder on the Building Permit must submit a Notice of Completion BA7 form to the City within seven days of completing the prescribed building works. To submit a Notice of Completion, please visit <https://my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/apply-for-building-approval>.

Building Application Checklist - Deck

A completed application form • A BA1 (certified application) or BA2 (uncertified application) • Application form to be completed in full and signed by the nominated builder and applicant • Application forms are the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety's (LGIRS) website https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/departments-of-local-government-industry-regulation-and-safety	
Certificate of Design Compliance (certified application only) • Issued by a registered building surveyor/practitioner	
Payment of fees • Refer to the City's 'Building Services Information Sheet - Fees & Charges' on the City's website https://my.armadale.wa.gov.au/service/apply-for-building-approval.	
Construction Training Fund (CTF) Levy receipt • Required for building works with a value greater than \$20,000 • If the CTF levy is applicable, please visit https://ctf.wa.gov.au/levy to make payment • Please provide a copy of your CTF levy payment receipt with your building application submission.	
Site plan to scale (1:200) showing • Location of the proposed deck • Location of all existing structures on the property • Measurement from the boundaries to the proposed structure • Setbacks compliant with NCC Fire Separation requirements • Location of septic tanks and leach drains (if applicable)	
Construction details to scale (1:100) showing • Detailed floor plan and elevations • Cross-section details	
Structural engineer's certification	
Approval from the City's Planning Department (if applicable)	

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