



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH APPROVAL

Depending on the type of business, you may require certain types of health approval. Most health approvals are required prior to operating the business and can generally be applied for after the building is built although earlier health advice is sometimes relevant. Onsite wastewater approvals (e.g. septic tanks systems) are generally required prior to the building permit being issued if it is for a new building.

Onsite Wastewater Systems (unsewered areas)

If the development is in an unsewered area, generally a system for the onsite treatment and disposal of wastewater will be required and health approval is required prior to the installation of the system. The system is also required to be inspected by the environmental health officer after installation but before backfilling.

The treatment and disposal of wastewater should be considered at the earliest stages of planning a development as it can affect the amount of space required which is dependent on the design volume of wastewater and the site and soil characteristics.

[Application form for wastewater system.](#)

Food Businesses

The Shire of Carnarvon is the regulatory authority for the *Food Act 2008* in relation to most food businesses located within the Shire district.

Most food businesses other than primary production food businesses are required to be registered under the Food Act which usually requires a satisfactory prior inspection. Food premises are required to be suitable for their intended use and generally comply with the Food Safety Standards.

It is best to apply for registration at least 2 weeks prior to the planned opening date. Applying earlier can enable a progress inspection to ensure the premises fit-out is going to be satisfactory.

[Application form for registration of food business](#)

Fund-raising stalls where the meat is cooked for immediate consumption are generally exempt from registration but still require a 'notification form' to be completed and given to the Shire prior to the event. Food handling is still required to comply with food hygiene requirements.

[Notification form for exempt food businesses](#)

You can find more information on the [Food Premises, Vehicle and Stalls](#) webpage.



Caravan Parks and Lodging Houses

The *Health Act 1911* requires lodging houses to be registered with the local authority. Follow the webpage link below to learn more about what constitutes a lodging house and what doesn't.

Lodging house registrations need to be renewed each year and Shire of Carnarvon Environmental Health Officers will conduct routine inspections of these facilities.

The *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995* requires caravan parks and camping grounds to be licensed by the local authority, and these licences also need to be renewed each year.

Environmental health officers will inspect caravan parks regularly.

Caravan parks with cabins and chalets that accommodate over 6 persons in total will need a lodging house registration in addition to their caravan park licence.

You can find more information and application forms on the [Caravan Park, Lodging Houses and Other Accommodation](#) webpage.

Useful Links

- [Application for Grant or Renewal of Licence](#)
- [Application for Lodging House Registration](#)

For more information about please visit the [Environmental Health](#) webpage.