

OPENING A RESTAURANT / CAFÉ OR SHOP



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If you would like to open a restaurant/café or shop this guide will assist in determining what Council requirements apply.

Please note, if undertaking any businesses from home, refer to the City's Information Sheet on Home Office, Home Occupation and Home Business.

WHAT IS A RESTAURANT / CAFÉ OR SHOP?

The City of Karratha Local Planning Scheme No. 8 (the Scheme) defines the following land uses:

Restaurant *a building and any associated outbuildings and grounds where food is prepared for sale and consumption on the premises and may or may not be licensed to sell liquor.*

*Note that Café use falls within the definition of Restaurant.

Shop *any land or buildings wherein the predominant use is for the display or sale by retail or hire of goods or where services of a personal nature are provided, including a betting agency but excluding a showroom, and take-away food outlet.*

*Note that Shop use includes businesses such as hairdressers, massage/masseur, beauty salons, skin penetration etc.

IS APPROVAL REQUIRED?

Is Approval Required?	Environmental Health	Planning	Building
Shop	 ** Refer to Environmental Health Approval below**	 ** Refer to Planning Approval below**	 ** Refer to Building Approval below**
Restaurant	 ** Refer to Environmental Health Approval below**	 ** Refer to Planning Approval below**	 ** Refer to Building Approval below**

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH APPROVALS

The type of 'Shop' that requires separate health approvals and/or registrations include:

- [Hairdressers](#)
- [Skin penetration \(including waxing, tattoos and piercings\)](#)
- [Beauty Salon](#)

All 'Restaurants' require health approvals and/or registrations prior to operating. Further information can be found [here](#) in relation to Food Business Registration.

PLANNING APPROVALS

Development (Planning) approval is not required for a Restaurant/Café or Shop in the following circumstances:

1. The proposed use is in the City Centre, Town Centre or Commercial zones and the net lettable area (NLA) is no more than 300m²; or
2. The proposed use is a 'P' (Permitted) use in the [Zoning Table](#) and only involves internal building works that do not materially affect the external appearance of a building. This exemption does not apply to heritage affected buildings/places.

In all other circumstances, development approval is required.

The installation of signage may also trigger the need for development approval (please see the City's Information Sheet on Advertisement Signage).

BUILDING APPROVALS

The need to obtain a building permit is dependent upon the works being undertaken. If your proposed fit-out includes or alters any of the following, a Building Permit application (certified) is required to be submitted:

- Installation of internal walls
- Installation or modification to sanitary facilities
- Change of travel path through the building or tenancy due to the installation of re-design of permanent partitioning
- Proposed change to the classification of the building or tenancy
- Installation of some types of signage

The intended use of a premise may also require the installation of additional sanitary (toilet) facilities or the upgrade of access to and within a building for persons with a disability.

It is important to note that where a development application is required, a Building Permit cannot be issued until such time as the Development Approval has been granted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you would like additional information on opening a Restaurant, Café or Shop, please contact:

City of Karratha, Planning Services

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E-mail: enquiries@karratha.wa.gov.au

Website: [Home | City of Karratha](#)

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