

Application for a bee keeping approval - Bee hives

Local Law No. 4 (Animal Management) 2002, Part 3, Division 2

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All properties must have a Council approval to keep bee hives.

Logan City Council's *Local Law No. 4 (Animal Management) 2002* and *Subordinate Local Law No. 4.1 (Animal Management) 2002* prescribes the number of bee hives you can keep based on your property size. The table below shows how many bee hives you can keep on your property with approval from Council.

Property size	0 to 600M ²	601 to 1,000M ²	1,001 to 2,000M ²	2,001 to 3,000M ²	3,001M ² or more
Number of bees permitted Subject to Council approval	Nil	1 hive with Council approval	Up to 5 hives with Council approval	Up to 10 hives with Council approval	Up to 15 hives with Council approval

Unsure what size your property is? Visit logan.qld.gov.au and enter your address under the heading 'My property'.

To keep bees you must adhere to our Local Laws and the requirements of the *Biosecurity Act 2014*. You will need to be a Registrable Biosecurity Entity (RBE) before you can apply for a bee keeping approval. An RBE is required if you wish to keep one or more hives. Contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland to apply for an RBE.

Under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, a **bee** refers to a honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) or any other genus or species declared under a regulation to be a bee under this *Act*. **An approval to keep Australian native bees is not required by Council.**

Application type

Individual Company Trust Registered body

Applicant details (please PRINT)

Name				
Address		Postcode		
Postal address (If same as address please leave blank)		Postcode		
Contact details	Home		Work	
	Mobile		Email	

Please complete if applicant is a company, trust or registered body (not a private individual).

Organisation name:			
Trading name:		ABN:	
Postal address:			
Phone number:		Email:	

Number of hives you are applying for:	
Existing number of hives on the property (if any):	
Total number of proposed hives:	
What type of bee species do you want to keep?	

Do you want your property to be assessed for the maximum number of hives allowed?

Yes No

What address will the bee hives be kept at?

Real property description:	Lot:		Plan:	
Property address:				
		Size of property (m2):		

Do you own this property? Yes No

If **Yes** (and where applicable), please complete the 'Consent to Keep' form and attach a copy of your Body Corporate Approval.

If **No**, please obtain approval/s as per the attached 'Consent to Keep' form. This form must be signed by the property owner or property manager (including Department of Housing). A copy of approval and tenancy agreement must be attached to this application. **Please note** Logan City Council may contact your landlord to verify this consent.

Site plan

Please provide a site plan and / or photos showing:

- the placement of hives
- structures on the property
- the location of any water supply for the bees
- the distance in metres from hives to nearest boundary fences or buildings
- the distance in metres from hives to water supply, and
- the direction of the hive openings.

Assessing the application

Before a local government can make a decision on an application, an authorised person may:

- inspect any premises, vehicle, equipment, animal, plant or thing to be involved in the undertaking of the prescribed activity.

In line with the *Local Law No.4 (Animal Management) 2002* and *Subordinate Local Law No. 4.1 (Animal Management) 2002*, an approval may be granted if Council is satisfied that the undertaking of the prescribed activity, in this instance 'Bee Keeping':

- (a) will not result in harm to human health or safety or personal injury
- (b) will not result in property damage or a loss of amenity
- (c) will not result in environmental harm or environmental nuisance, and
- (d) will not result in a nuisance (see below for definition of nuisance).

In line with *Local Law No. 10 (Public Health) 1999*, a nuisance shall be deemed to exist if a wasp nest, bee hive or other insect nest on the premises:

- (a) has caused personal injury or property damage, or
- (b) is likely in the authorised person's opinion to give rise to a risk of personal injury or property damage.

Please detail (in writing) how you will achieve bee keeping compliance. How will you ensure your bees do not result in harm to human health and safety nor become a nuisance? This will help us assess your application:

Do you have a management plan in place if you receive any complaints? Yes No

What steps would you take to ensure the least impact?

If they occur, can you manage swarms so they do not become a nuisance to your neighbours? Yes No

What actions would you take to reduce a swarm from occurring?

Do you consider others when manipulating / moving hives and plan work to minimise impact? Yes No

What measures would you put in place to minimise impact?

Hive registration and marking

Have you registered as a Registrable Biosecurity Entity (RBE)? Yes No

(If no, please register as a Registrable Biosecurity Entity with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Queensland. You will be issued a unique Hive Identification Number (HIN). Your HIN is used to mark ownership of your frames and hives).

What is the approval date for your RBE application?

What is your Hive Identification Number (HIN)?

Are all hives marked?

Yes No

(a minimum of 1 hive MUST be marked)

For your application to be considered you must provide

- A copy of your Driver's Licence or proof of identity. This must show your current residential address.
- If applicable, the "Consent to Keep" form. This must be signed by the property owner, Body Corporate or Department of Housing.
- A copy of your Registrable Biosecurity Entity approval.

Only clear photocopies or photographs of supporting documentation will be accepted.

Suitable person

Council must determine if you (the applicant) are a 'suitable person'. The Schedule (Dictionary) in *Local Law No. 4 (Animal Management) 2002* describes a 'suitable person'.

Council may deem an applicant not a 'suitable person' if;

- During the last 3 years the person has committed more than 2 offences under *Local Law No. 4 (Animal Management) 2002*. This is irrespective of whether the person has been prosecuted for these offences.
- The nature of any offence committed by that person is under this local law or an animal law.
- The person has been the keeper of an animal whose approval has been cancelled under an animal law.
- The person has committed an offence involving cruelty to an animal.
- Any unsatisfactory past conduct on the part of that person in relation to the keeping of an animal.
- The person does not comply with the prescribed criteria for the keeping of animals.

By ticking this box, I confirm that I am a suitable person for this approval.

Customer acknowledgement

In seeking this approval, I understand that:

- I must ensure ongoing compliance with *Local Law No. 4 (Animal Management) 2002*, *Subordinate Local Law No. 4.1 (Animal Management) 2002* and the *Biosecurity Act 2014*.
- I must notify Logan City Council if my RBE becomes suspended, cancelled or expires.

I further agree to ensure that the keeping of animals under this approval:

- prevents environmental harm and nuisance and protects the amenity of the local environment.
- is consistent with the rights, expectations and enjoyment of the local community.

I understand that:

- the approval is issued to the person and property named in this application.
- is NOT transferrable between animals or properties.
- any alterations or changes to an existing approval must be reported to Logan City Council.

Signature:

Date:

This Application is subject to approval. It will not be processed unless all relevant sections are completed. Please ensure you attach all supporting documentation to your application. Fees do not apply to approvals issued for the purpose of keeping bee hives.

CONSENT TO KEEP BEES HIVE / S ON PROPERTY

Body Corporate Department of Housing Property Owner Landlord

You are advised that an application to keep bee hives has been made by:

Name of applicant:	
Address:	

The applicant is requesting the animals listed below be kept on this property:

Species of bees to be kept:	
Number of bee hive/s:	

Your consent is required before the application can be approved.

Do you object to this application to keep additional animals on the abovementioned property?

- Yes (if Yes, please detail your reasons)
 No

Please complete below and return to the applicant:

Name				
Address		Postcode		
Contact details	Home		Work	
	Mobile		Email	

Signature: Date:

- Please notify me of any amendments or substantiated complaints related to this approval.