

# Application for an approval – Beehives

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

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## All properties must have Council approval to keep beehives

Bees play a crucial role in our ecosystem. Beehives are a great way to make sure your garden, and our environment, thrives. Council do not charge a fee for beekeeping approvals, however if you intend to keep a beehive you must register as a beekeeper with both Council and Biosecurity Queensland.

The number of beehives you can keep, depends on your property size. This is in line with Schedule 1 of *Subordinate Local Law No. 4.1 (Animal Management) 2002*.

**Unsure what size your property is?** Visit [logan.qld.gov.au](http://logan.qld.gov.au) and enter your address under the heading 'My property'.

Property size	0 to 600M <sup>2</sup>	601 to 1,000M <sup>2</sup>	1,001 to 2,000M <sup>2</sup>	2,001 to 3,000M <sup>2</sup>	3,001M <sup>2</sup> 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

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 beekeeping 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 honeybee (*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)

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

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 beehives be kept at?

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

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

Do you own this property?  Yes  No

- If Yes, and you do not have a body corporate**, please turn to the next page and disregard the 'consent to keep' form at the end of this application form.
- If Yes, and you have a body corporate**, you will need to get consent from your body corporate.
- If No, and you do not own this property**, you will need to get consent from your landlord, the property owner or property manager, which also includes the Department of Housing.

Please provide your application form to the relevant person to complete the 'Consent to keep' section at the rear of this application form. Once completed, please send this form back to Logan City Council along with a copy of your lease agreement and relevant contact details so your information can be verified.

## 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, beehive 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 ensure the keeping of bees at your property will not result in harm to human health and safety, or become a nuisance?**

**This will help us assess your application:**

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**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?**

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**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 on those around you?**

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**If a swarm was to occur, how will you manage this, so your bees do not impact the safety and amenity of your neighbours?**

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

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## 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?**

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**What is your Hive Identification Number (HIN)?**

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**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'. An applicant who is considered "not suitable" includes someone who, in the last 3 years, has committed more than 2 offences under any animal legislation. (*Further information about a 'suitable person' is listed in the dictionary of Local Law No. 4 (Animal Management) 2002*). A person who is or becomes an unsuitable person, will have their application refused or cancelled.

- I confirm that I am a suitable person for this approval.

### Customer acknowledgement

By applying for 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 agree to ensure that keeping bees 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 if my application is approved:

- the approval is issued to the person and property named in this application
- the approval is NOT transferrable between properties
- I must maintain my property to ensure it remains suitable for the responsible keeping of animals
- any substantiated complaint received regarding the keeping of animals at my property must result in my approval being cancelled
- any changes to my approval must be reported to Logan City Council.

Signature:

Date:

## Consent to keep Beehive/s on the nominated property

You have been nominated as an approved person to provide consent to the applicant for the purpose of keeping bees/hive/s.

The application to keep bees/hive/s has been made by:

<b>Name of applicant:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	

Your role:

Body Corporate  Dept of Housing  Property Owner  Landlord / Property Manager

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

<b>Species of bees to be kept:</b>	
<b>Number of beehive/s:</b>	

**Your consent is required before the application can be approved.**

Do you object to this application to keep bees/hive/s on the above-mentioned property?

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

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**Please complete below and return to the applicant:**

<b>Name</b>				
<b>Address</b>		<b>Postcode</b>		
<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Home</b>		<b>Work</b>	
	<b>Mobile</b>		<b>Email</b>	

Signature:

Date: