General approach [000047, 000055, 000078]

Categories of activities

Rules determine whether resource consent is required for a particular activity. The Resource Management Act 1991 provides categories of permitted, controlled, restricted discretionary, discretionary, non-complying or prohibited activities for every land use or subdivision. The following table shows the order and summarises the meaning of these categories.

Is resource consent required?	Activity status abbreviation	Activity class	Comments
No consent required	PER	Permitted	No resource consent is required. However, approvals may be required under other legislation, such as a building consent under the Building Act or a resource consent under the provisions of the Waikato Regional Plan.
Consent required	CON	Controlled	The Council must grant consent. Consent conditions may be imposed on matters over which control is reserved, as listed in the rule table. The Council may refuse to grant a controlled activity subdivision if the provisions of s106 of the Resource Management Act apply.
	RDIS	Restricted discretionary	The Council may grant or decline consent. Assessment of the application is restricted to matters over which discretion is restricted in the rule table. If granted, the Council may impose conditions on the consent, but only for those matters over which discretion is restricted.
	DIS	Discretionary	The Council may grant or decline consent. The consent may be granted with or without conditions. The Council will assess the application on the full range of matters without limitation.
	NC	Non-complying	The Council may grant or decline consent. The application can only be granted if Council is satisfied that the requirements of s104D of the Resource Management Act are met. If the consent is granted it may be granted with or without conditions. The application will be assessed on a full range of matters without limitation.
No consent possible	PR	Prohibited	No application can be made for a prohibited activity and Council must not grant a consent.