

## COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **B1Z, B2Z, B5Z** or **C1Z**.

### Purpose

To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.

To create vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses.

To provide for residential uses at densities complementary to the role and scale of the commercial centre.

### Operation

A schedule may apply under this zone to a planning scheme outside of metropolitan Melbourne. That schedule may:

- specify the maximum leasable floor area for office
- specify the maximum leasable floor area for shop (other than restricted retail premises).

## Table of uses

### Section 1 - Permit not required

| Use  | Condition   |
|--|---|
| <b>Accommodation (other than Corrective institution)</b> | Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres (other than a bed and breakfast and caretaker's house).                         |
| <b>Art and craft centre</b>                              |   |
| <b>Child care centre</b>                                 | Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres and access must not be shared with a dwelling (other than a caretaker's house). |
| <b>Cinema</b>  |   |
| <b>Cinema based entertainment facility</b>               |   |
| <b>Education centre</b>                                  |   |
| <b>Exhibition centre</b>                                 |   |
| <b>Home based business</b>                               |   |
| <b>Informal outdoor recreation</b>                       |   |
| <b>Office</b>  | The leasable floor area for all offices must not exceed any amount specified in the schedule to this zone.                                  |
| <b>Place of worship</b>                                  | The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 250 square metres.  |
| <b>Railway</b>   |   |
| <b>Retail premises (other than Shop)</b>                 |   |
| <b>Shop (other than Adult sex product shop)</b>          | The leasable floor area for all shops must not exceed any amount specified in the schedule to this zone.                                    |
| <b>Tramway</b>   |   |

| Use                            | Condition                                   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Any use listed in Clause 62.01 | Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01. |

## Section 2 - Permit required

| Use  | Condition  |
|--|--|
| Adult sex product shop   | Must be at least 200 metres (measured by the shortest route reasonably accessible on foot) from a residential zone or, land used for a hospital, primary school or secondary school or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, primary school or secondary school. |
| Agriculture (other than Animal production and Apiculture)<br>Grazing animal production   |  |
| Industry   | Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.   |
| Leisure and recreation facility (other than Informal outdoor recreation, Major sports and recreation facility and Motor racing track)<br>Place of assembly (other than Carnival, Cinema, Circus, Exhibition centre and Place of worship)<br>Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility) |  |
| Warehouse  | Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.   |
| Any other use not in Section 1 or 3  |  |

## Section 3 - Prohibited

| Use  |
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| Animal production (other than Grazing animal production)<br>Corrective institution<br>Major sports and recreation facility<br>Motor racing track |

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#### Use of land

A use must not detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood, including through the:

- Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land.
- Appearance of any building, works or materials.
- Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil.

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## Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land.

### VicSmart applications

Subject to Clause 71.06, an application under this clause for a development specified in Column 1 is a class of VicSmart application and must be assessed against the provision specified in Column 2.

| Class of application  | Information requirements and decision guidelines |
|---|--|
| Subdivide land to realign the common boundary between 2 lots where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent.</li><li>▪ The general direction of the common boundary does not change.</li></ul>  | Clause 59.01                                     |
| Subdivide land into lots each containing an existing building or car parking space where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The buildings or car parking spaces have been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this scheme or a permit issued under this scheme.</li><li>▪ An occupancy permit or a certificate of final inspection has been issued under the Building Regulations in relation to the buildings within 5 years prior to the application for a permit for subdivision.</li></ul> | Clause 59.02                                     |
| Subdivide land into 2 lots if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works on the land:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Has been approved under this scheme or by a permit issued under this scheme and the permit has not expired.</li><li>- Has started lawfully.</li></ul></li><li>▪ The subdivision does not create a vacant lot.</li></ul>  | Clause 59.02                                     |

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## Buildings and works

A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works.

This does not apply to:

- The installation of an automatic teller machine.
- An alteration to an existing building façade provided:
  - The alteration does not include the installation of an external roller shutter.
  - At least 80 per cent of the building facade at ground floor level is maintained as an entry or window with clear glazing.
- An awning that projects over a road if it is authorised by the relevant public land manager.

An apartment development must meet the requirements of Clause 58.

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| Class of application  | Information requirements and decision guidelines |
|---|--|
| Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to \$500,000 where the land is not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone.</li><li>▪ Used for a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10.</li><li>▪ Used for a Brothel or Adult sex product shop.</li></ul> | Clause 59.04                                     |

## Transitional provisions

Clause 58 does not apply to:

- An application for a planning permit lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC136.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act, if the original permit application was lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC136.

## Maintenance

All buildings and works must be maintained in good order and appearance to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

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## Neighbourhood and site description and design response

An application for any of the following must be accompanied by a neighbourhood and site description and a design response as described in Clause 54.01 or 55.01, as appropriate:

- Construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot of less than 300 square metres.
- Construction of a dwelling if there is at least one dwelling existing on the lot.
- Construction of two or more dwellings on a lot.
- Extension of a dwelling if there are two or more dwellings on the lot.
- Construction or extension of a dwelling on common property.
- Construction or extension of a residential building.

Clause 34.01-5 does not apply to an apartment development.

## Satisfactory neighbourhood and site description before notice and decision

If the responsible authority decides that the neighbourhood and site description is not satisfactory, it may require more information from the applicant under Section 54 of the Act.

The responsible authority must not require notice of an application to be given or decide an application until it is satisfied that the neighbourhood and site description meets the requirements of Clause 54.01 or 55.01 and is satisfactory.

This does not apply if the responsible authority refuses an application under Section 52(1A) of the Act.

## Application requirements

### Use

An application to use land must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- The purpose of the use and the types of activities which will be carried out.
- The likely effects, if any, on adjoining land, including noise levels, traffic, the hours of delivery and despatch of goods and materials, hours of operation and light spill, solar access and glare.
- The means of maintaining land not required for immediate use.
- If an industry or warehouse:
  - The type and quantity of goods to be stored, processed or produced.
  - Whether a Works Approval or Waste Discharge Licence is required from the Environment Protection Authority.
  - Whether a notification under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017 is required, a licence under the *Dangerous Goods Act 1985* is required, or a fire protection quantity under the Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2012 is exceeded.
  - The likely effects on adjoining land, including air-borne emissions and emissions to land and water.

### Buildings and works

An application to construct a building or construct or carry out works must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- A plan drawn to scale which shows:
  - The boundaries and dimensions of the site.
  - Adjoining roads.
  - The location, height and purpose of buildings and works on adjoining land.
  - Relevant ground levels.
  - The layout of existing and proposed buildings and works.
  - All driveway, car parking and loading areas.
  - Proposed landscape areas.
  - All external storage and waste treatment areas.
  - Areas not required for immediate use.
- Elevation drawings to scale showing the colour and materials of all buildings and works.
- Construction details of all drainage works, driveways, vehicle parking and loading areas.
- A landscape layout which includes the description of vegetation to be planted, the surfaces to be constructed, site works specification and method of preparing, draining, watering and maintaining the landscape area.

An application to construct or extend an apartment development, or to construct or extend a dwelling in or forming part of an apartment development, must be accompanied by an urban context report and design response as required in Clause 58.01.

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VC148**Exemption from notice and review**

An application to subdivide land or construct a building or construct or carry out works is exempt from the notice requirements of section 52(1)(a), (b) and (d), the decision requirements of section 64(1), (2) and (3) and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act. This exemption does not apply to land within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone, land used for a hospital or an education centre or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital or an education centre.

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Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

**General**

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- The interface with adjoining zones, especially the relationship with residential areas.

**Use**

- The effect that existing uses may have on the proposed use.
- The drainage of the land.
- The availability of and connection to services.
- The effect of traffic to be generated on roads.
- The interim use of those parts of the land not required for the proposed use.

**Subdivision**

- Provision for vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal and emergency services and public transport.
- The effect the subdivision will have on the potential of the area to accommodate the uses which will maintain or enhance its competitive strengths.

**Building and works**

- The movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal, emergency services and public transport.
- The provision of car parking.
- The streetscape, including the conservation of buildings, the design of verandahs, access from the street front, protecting active frontages to pedestrian areas, the treatment of the fronts and backs of buildings and their appurtenances, illumination of buildings or their immediate spaces and the landscaping of land adjoining a road.
- The storage of rubbish and materials for recycling.
- Defining the responsibility for the maintenance of buildings, landscaping and paved areas.
- Consideration of the overlooking and overshadowing as a result of building or works affecting adjoining land in a General Residential Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone or Township Zone.
- The impact of overshadowing on existing rooftop solar energy facilities on dwellings on adjoining lots in a General Residential Zone, Mixed Use Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone or Township Zone.
- The availability of and connection to services.
- The design of buildings to provide for solar access.

- The objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 54 and Clause 55. This does not apply to an apartment development.
- For an apartment development, the objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 58.

#### **Transitional provisions**

The objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 55 of this scheme, as in force immediately before the approval date of Amendment VC136, continues to apply to:

- An application for a planning permit lodged before that date.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act, if the original permit application was lodged before that date.

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#### **Signs**

Sign requirements are at Clause 52.05. This zone is in Category 1.