



## Environmentally Relevant Activities (ERA's)

### Devolved Environmentally Relevant Activities (ERA's)

Only certain Environmentally Relevant Activities are devolved to local government. These are listed in schedule 2 of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*.

#### 4 Poultry Farming

Farming poultry, including egg and fertile egg production, the rearing of hatchlings, starter pullets, layers and poultry for meat in facilities having a total holding capacity of more than 1000 birds but less than 200 000 birds.

#### 6 Asphalt Manufacturing

Manufacturing asphalt.

#### 8 Chemical Storage

Storing of:

- 50t or more of chemicals of dangerous goods class 1 or class 2 in containers of at least 10m<sup>3</sup>;
- 50t or more of chemicals of dangerous goods class 6 in containers capable of holding at least 900kg of the chemicals;
- 10m<sup>3</sup> or more of chemicals of class C1 or C2 combustible liquids; or
- 200t /200m<sup>3</sup> or more of chemicals in containers of at least 10m<sup>3</sup>.

#### 12 Plastic Product Manufacturing

Commercially manufacturing plastic or plastic products in works having a design production capacity of either:

- A total of 50t or more of plastic products; or
- A total of 5t or more of foam, composite plastics or rigid fibre-reinforced plastics.

#### 17 Abrasive blasting

Cleaning equipment or structures on a commercial basis using a stream of abrasives in either a wet or dry pressure stream. It also includes spraying a coating on equipment or a structure that has been subject to abrasive blasting.

#### 18 Boiler Making / Engineering

Commercial boiler making, electrical machine manufacturing or building or assembly of agricultural equipment, motor vehicles, trains, trams or heavy machinery with a total of 200t or more of metal product in a year.

#### 19 Metal Forming

Forming of more than a total of 10,000tonnes of metal per year. Forming includes:

- pressing, forging, extending, extruding, rolling metal;
- forming metal into plate, wire or rods; and
- fabricating metal into sheets.

#### 20 Metal Recovery

Recovering of metal by operating either a scrap metal year or a facility for dismantling automotives or mechanical equipment, including debonding brake or clutch components.

#### 21 Motor Vehicle Workshop Operations

Operating a workshop on a commercial basis involving any of the following relating to motor vehicles:

- Maintaining mechanical components, engine cooling radiators or body panels;
- Spray painting body panels; or
- Detailing or washing.

### **37 Printing**

Commercially screen printing or printing (other than photocopying and photographic printing), including advertising material, magazines, newspapers, packaging and stationery.

### **38 Surface Coating**

Anodising, electroplating, enamelling, galvanizing, coating, painting or powder coating of more than 1 tonne of materials in a year.

It does not include coating a surface using only a paintbrush, roller or sponge.

### **43 Concrete Batching**

Production of 200 tonne or more of concrete or concrete products in a year by mixing cement with sand, rock, aggregate or other similar materials.

### **48 Wooden Product Manufacturing**

Commercially manufacturing or fabricating a wooden product, including, for example, a product made by a cabinet-maker, joiner or other woodworker, in a facility having a design production capacity of:

- Total of 100t or more fabricating wooden products; or
- Total of 5000t or more manufacturing reconstituted timber products; or
- Total of 100t or more manufacturing laminated products.

### **49 Boat Maintenance or Repair**

Operating a boat maintenance or repair facility on a commercial basis for the purposes of maintaining or repairing hulls, the superstructure or mechanical components of boats or seaplanes.

It also includes cleaning or maintaining hulls in water at a boat maintenance or repair facility.

### **60 Waste Disposal**

Operating a facility for the disposal of any or any combination of regulated waste, general waste, limited regulated waste or if in a scheduled area untreated clinical waste.

### **61 Waste Incineration and thermal treatment**

Operating a waste incineration facility for incinerating or thermal treatment of waste such as vegetation, paper, cardboard or general waste.

### **62 Waste Transfer Station**

Operating on a commercial basis or in the course of carrying on a commercial enterprise, a waste transfer station that receives a total quantity of at least 30t or 30m<sup>3</sup> of waste on any day.

### **63 Sewage Treatment**

Consists of:

- Operating one or more sewage treatment works at a site that have a total daily peak design capacity of at least 21EP; or
- Operating a sewerage pumping station with a total design capacity of more than 40KL in an hour.

### **64 Water Treatment**

Carrying out any of the following activities in a way that allows waste, whether treated or untreated, to be released into the environment:

- Desalinating 0.5ML or more of water in a day;
- Treating 10ML or more of raw water in a day;
- Carrying out advanced treatment of 5ML or more of water in a day.

### **EXCEPTIONS TO DEVOLUTION >>**

An activity is not devolved for management by a local government if:

- The activity includes a non-devolved environmentally relevant activity at the same place;
- The activity is carried out by a local government or the State; or
- The activity is a 'mobile and temporary ERA' and is carried out in more than one local government area.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION >>**

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