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COMMERCIAL 2 ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **B3Z** , **B4Z** or **C2Z** .

Purpose

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

To encourage commercial areas for offices, appropriate manufacturing and industries, bulky goods retailing, other retail uses, and associated business and commercial services.

To ensure that uses do not affect the safety and amenity of adjacent, more sensitive uses.

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Table of uses

Section 1 - Permit not required

Use	Condition
Art and craft centre	
Art gallery	
Automated collection point	Must meet the requirements of Clause 52.13-3 and 52.13-5. The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 50 square metres.
Cinema	The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3.
Cinema based entertainment facility	The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3.
Food and drink premises	The leasable floor area must not exceed 100 square metres.
Industry (other than Materials recycling and Transfer station)	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10 with no threshold specified. The land must be at least the following distances from land (not a road) which is in an Activity Centre Zone, Capital City Zone, Commercial 1 Zone, Docklands Zone, residential zone or Rural Living Zone, land used for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution: ▪ The threshold distance, for a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10. ▪ 30 metres, for a purpose not listed in the table to Clause 53.10. Must not: ▪ Exceed a fire protection quantity under the Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2022. ▪ Require a notification under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017. ▪ Require a licence under the Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011. ▪ Require a licence under the Dangerous Goods (HCDG) Regulations 2016.

Use	Condition
Informal outdoor recreation	
Mail centre	
Museum	
Office	
Postal agency	
Railway	
Restricted retail premises	
Shop (other than Adult sex product shop, Restricted retail premises and Supermarket)	Must adjoin, or be on the same land as, a supermarket when the use commences. The combined leasable floor area for all shops adjoining or on the same land as the supermarket must not exceed 500 square metres. The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3.
Supermarket	The leasable floor area must not exceed 1800 square metres. The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3. Must be on land within the City of Greater Geelong or within an urban growth boundary in metropolitan Melbourne.
Trade supplies	
Tramway	
Warehouse (other than Mail centre)	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10 with no threshold distance specified. The land must be at least the following distances from land (not a road) which is in an Activity Centre Zone, Capital City Zone, Commercial 1 Zone, Docklands Zone, residential zone or Rural Living Zone, land used for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, an education centre or corrective institution: ▪ The threshold distance, for a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10. ▪ 30 metres, for a purpose not listed in the table to Clause 53.10. Must not: ▪ Exceed a fire protection quantity under the Dangerous Goods (Storage and Handling) Regulations 2022. ▪ Require a notification under the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017.

Use	Condition
	▪ Require a licence under the Dangerous Goods (Explosives) Regulations 2011. ▪ Require a licence under the Dangerous Goods (HCDG) Regulations 2016.
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, 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)	
Caretaker's house	
Container deposit scheme centre	
Education centre	
Grazing animal production	
Leisure and recreation (other than Informal outdoor recreation, Major sports and recreation facility and Motor racing track)	
Materials recycling	
Place of assembly (other than Art gallery, Carnival, Cinema, Cinema based entertainment facility, Circus and Museum)	
Residential hotel	
Retail premises (other than Food and drink premises, Postal agency, Restricted retail premises, Supermarket and Trade supplies)	
Supermarket – if the Section 1 conditions are not met	The leasable floor area must not exceed 1800 square metres unless on land within the City of Greater Geelong or within an urban growth boundary in metropolitan Melbourne. The site must adjoin, or have access to, a road in a Transport Zone 2 or a Transport Zone 3.

Use	Condition
Transfer station (other than Automated collection point and Container deposit scheme centre)	The land must be at least 30 metres from land (not a road) which is in an Activity Centre Zone, Capital City Zone, Commercial 1 Zone, Docklands Zone, residential zone or Rural Living Zone, land used for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution or land in a Public Acquisition Overlay to be acquired for a hospital, an education centre or a corrective institution.
Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)	
Any other use not in Section 1 or 3	

Section 3 - Prohibited

Use
Accommodation (other than Caretaker's house and Residential hotel)
Animal production (other than Grazing animal production)
Hospital
Major sports and recreation facility
Motor racing track

34.02-2 Use of land

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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.

34.02-3 Subdivision

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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: - The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent. - The general direction of the common boundary does not change.	Clause 59.01

Class of application	Information requirements and decision guidelines
Subdivide land into lots each containing an existing building or car parking space where: ■ The buildings or car parking spaces have been constructed in accordance with the provisions of this scheme or a permit issued under this scheme. ■ 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.	Clause 59.02
Subdivide land into 2 lots if: ■ The construction of a building or the construction or carrying out of works on the land: – Has been approved under this scheme or by a permit issued under this scheme and the permit has not expired. – Has started lawfully. ■ The subdivision does not create a vacant lot.	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.

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
Construct a building or construct or carry out works with an estimated cost of up to $700,000 where the land is not: ■ Within 30 metres of land (not a road) which is in a residential zone. ■ Used for a purpose listed in the table to Clause 53.10. ■ Used for an Adult sex product shop.	Clause 59.04

Maintenance

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

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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 or materials, hours of operation and light spill, solar access and glare.
- The means of maintaining areas not required for immediate use.
- If an industry or warehouse:
  - The type and quantity of goods to be stored, processed or produced.
  - Whether a Development Licence, Operating Licence, Permit or Registration 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 2022 is exceeded.
  - The likely effects on adjoining land, including air-borne emissions and emissions to land and water.

Building 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.

34.02-6 Exemption from notice and review

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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.

34.02-7 Decision guidelines

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General

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

- 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.
- If an industry or warehouse, the effect that the use may have on nearby existing or proposed residential areas or other uses which are sensitive to industrial off-site effects, having regard to any comments or directions of the referral authorities.

Subdivision

- The effect the subdivision will have on the potential of the area to accommodate the uses which will maintain or enhance its competitive strengths.
- Any natural or cultural values on or near the land.
- Streetscape character.
- Landscape treatment.

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 landscaping of land adjoining a road.
- Defining the responsibility for the maintenance of buildings, landscaping and paved areas.
- The availability of and connection to services.
- Any natural or cultural values on or nearby the land.
- Outdoor storage, lighting, and stormwater discharge.
- The design of buildings to provide for solar access.

34.02-8 Signs

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