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ACTIVITY CENTRE ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **ACZ** with a number.

Purpose

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

To encourage a mixture of uses and the intensive development of the activity centre:

- As a focus for business, shopping, working, housing, leisure, transport and community facilities.
- To support sustainable urban outcomes that maximise the use of infrastructure and public transport.

To deliver a diversity of housing at higher densities to make optimum use of the facilities and services.

To create through good urban design an attractive, pleasant, walkable, safe and stimulating environment.

To facilitate use and development of land in accordance with the Development Framework for the activity centre.

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Operation

A schedule to this zone comprises the Development Framework for the activity centre.

A schedule to this zone must contain:

- A framework plan for the activity centre.
- A statement of the activity centre land use and development objectives to be achieved.

A schedule to this zone may contain:

- Centre-wide provisions.
- Precinct provisions.

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Table of uses

Section 1 - Permit not required

Use	Condition
Any use in Section 1 of the schedule to this zone	Must comply with any condition in Section 1 of the schedule to this zone.

Section 2 - Permit required

Use	Condition
Any use in Section 2 of the schedule to this zone	Must comply with any condition in Section 2 of the schedule to this zone.

Section 3 - Prohibited

Use
Any use in Section 3 of the schedule to this zone

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Any requirement in the schedule to this zone must be met.

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VC253**Subdivision**

A permit is required to subdivide land.

Any requirement in the schedule to this zone must be met.

A permit must not be granted which would allow a separate lot to be created for land containing a small second dwelling.

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:	Clause 59.01
▪ The area of either lot is reduced by less than 15 percent. ▪ The general direction of the common boundary does not change.	
Subdivide land into lots each containing an existing building or car parking space where:	Clause 59.02
▪ 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.	
Subdivide land into 2 lots if:	Clause 59.02
▪ 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.	

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A permit is required to construct a building or construct or carry out works unless the schedule to this zone specifies otherwise.

An apartment development must meet the requirements of Clause 58.

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 and 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.	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.

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Design and development

A schedule to this zone may include requirements relating to:

- Building setbacks.
- Building height.
- Building materials.
- Access.
- Landscaping.
- Public realm.
- Any other requirements or guidelines relating to the design or built form of new development.

A permit may be granted to construct a building or construct or carry out works which is not in accordance with any design and development requirement in the schedule to this zone unless the schedule to this zone specifies otherwise.

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Application requirements

Use

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

- A description of the proposed use and the types of activities which will be carried out and any proposed staging of use and activities on the land.
- Plans drawn to scale and dimensioned which show:
 - The siting and use of buildings.
 - Areas not required for immediate use.
 - Adjacent buildings and uses.

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- 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, glare, air-borne emissions and emissions to land and water.
- 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.
- Any other information specified in the schedule to this zone.

Subdivision

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

- Plans drawn to scale and dimensioned which show:
 - Site shape, size, dimensions and orientation.
 - The pattern of subdivision of the surrounding area.
 - Easements.
 - Location of drainage and other utilities.
 - Street frontage features such as poles, street trees and kerb crossovers.
 - Access points.
 - Any natural features.
- Any other information specified in the schedule to this zone.

Buildings and works

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

- Plans drawn to scale and dimensioned which show:
 - The boundaries and dimensions of the site.
 - Adjoining roads.
 - The location, height and use of buildings and works on adjoining land.
 - Levels of the site and the difference in levels between the site and surrounding properties to a defined point at the site boundaries or to Australian Height Datum (AHD).
 - Any contaminated soils and filled areas, where known.
 - The layout of existing and proposed buildings and works.
 - The internal layout and use of the proposed development.
 - All access and pedestrian areas.
 - All driveway, car parking and loading areas.
 - Existing vegetation and proposed landscape areas.
 - All external storage and waste treatment areas.

- The location of easements and services.
- Elevation plans drawn to scale and dimensioned which show:
 - The building form and scale.
 - Setbacks to property boundaries.
 - Finished floor levels and building heights to a defined point at the site boundaries or to Australian Height Datum (AHD).
- Shadow diagrams based on the equinox shown for existing conditions and the proposed development.
- A schedule of finishes for the proposed development detailing materials and colours of external surfaces including walls, roofs and fences.
- A written statement providing an assessment of the proposal against the relevant sections of the Planning Policy Framework, Activity Centre Zone and any relevant overlays.
- An assessment of the characteristics of the area including:
 - Any environmental features such as vegetation, topography and significant views.
 - Street design and landscape.
 - The pattern of development.
 - Building form, scale and rhythm.
 - Architectural style, building details and materials.
 - Connection to the public realm.
 - Any significant noise, odour, fume and vibration sources to and/or from the development.
- A landscape plan 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.
- Construction details of all drainage works, driveways, vehicle parking and loading areas.
- An urban context report and design response as required in Clause 58.01 for an application to construct or extend an apartment development, or to construct or extend a dwelling in or forming part of an apartment development.
- Any other information specified in the schedule to this zone.

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Exemption from notice and review

An application under Clauses 37.08-2, 37.08-4, 37.08-5 or 37.08-6 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 unless the schedule to this zone specifies otherwise.

A schedule to this zone may specify an application in respect of land in an Activity Centre Zone under any other specified provision of this scheme 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.

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Decision guidelines

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 development framework plan set out in the schedule to this zone.

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- The land use and development objectives set out in the schedule to this zone.
- The extent that the layout and design of the new use or development minimises the potential for off-site impacts, including from noise, fumes, odour or vibrations, ensuring that:
 - existing uses are not compromised by a new development, or
 - a new development is designed to address amenity impacts from existing uses.
- Any requirements set out in the schedule to this zone.
- Any other decision guidelines specified in the schedule to this zone.

Access

- Movements systems through and around the site including the movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal, emergency services and public transport.
- The provision of car parking, loading of vehicles and access to parking spaces and loading bays.

Use

- The interim use of those parts of the land not required for the proposed use.
- Whether the use is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.

Subdivision

- The pattern of subdivision and its effect on the spacing of buildings.
- For subdivision of land for residential development, the objectives and standards of Clause 56.

Design and built form

- The design, scale, height, setback, appearance and material of the proposed buildings and works.
- The provision for solar access to the building and on the public realm.
- The design of the public realm.
- The relationship between the proposed building and the public realm.
- The streetscape, including the conservation of buildings, the design of verandas, access from the street front, provision of 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 interface with adjoining zones, especially the relationship with residential zones.
- The objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 54. Clause 55 and Clause 57. This does not apply to an apartment development.
- For an apartment development, the objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 58.
- The storage of rubbish and materials for recycling.

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.

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

Clauses 55 and 58 of this scheme, as in force immediately before the approval date of Amendment VC174, continue 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.

Clause 55 of this planning scheme, as in force immediately before the approval date of Amendment VC267, 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.

Clause 54 of this planning scheme, as in force immediately before the commencement of Amendment VC282, continue 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 unless a schedule to this zone specifies a different category.

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Other provisions of the scheme

The schedule to this zone may specify that other provisions of the scheme do not apply.