

Single Dwelling Housing Development Code

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Introduction

Name

The name of this code is Single Dwelling Housing Development Code.

Application

This code applies to single dwelling housing in all zones

National Capital Plan

Where a development is subject to special requirements under the National Capital Plan, or any relevant development control plan prepared under the National Capital Plan, the development must not be inconsistent with the special requirements or development control plan. Where any provision of this code is inconsistent with special requirements under the National Capital Plan, or any relevant development control plan prepared under the National Capital Plan, that provision has no effect.

Purpose

This code provides additional planning, design and environmental controls to support the objectives of the relevant zone.

It will be used by the *Authority* to assess development applications. It also offers guidance to applicants in designing development proposals and preparing development applications.

Structure

This code has a number of elements. Each element has one or more rules, and each rule has an associated criterion (unless the rule is mandatory). Rules provide quantitative, or definitive, controls. By contrast, criteria are chiefly qualitative in nature.

In some instances rules are mandatory. Such rules are accompanied by the words "This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion." Non-compliance with a mandatory rule will result in the refusal of the development application. Conversely, the words "There is no applicable rule" is found where a criterion only is applicable.

Assessment tracks

Assessment tracks for particular developments are specified in the relevant zone development table.

Proposals in the code track must comply with all rules relevant to the development.

Proposals in the **merit track** and **impact track** must comply with a rule or its associated criterion, unless the rule is mandatory (ie. it has no related criterion). Where a rule is fully met, no reference to the related criterion needs to be made. Where there is a departure from a rule, or where a criterion only applies, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that the relevant criterion is satisfied, through supporting drawings and/or written documentation. In addition, the applicant for proposals in the impact track must justify any non-compliance by reference to the Statement of Strategic Directions.

Code hierarchy

Under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*, where more than one type of code applies to a development and there is inconsistency between provisions, the order of precedence is: precinct code, development code, and general code.

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Related codes

Residential Zones Development Code

Applies to all forms of development in residential zones and makes reference to development codes and general codes that may also apply.

Precinct codes

Precinct codes may contain additional provisions that apply to specified *blocks*. Precinct codes are found in part 10.

Development codes

The following general codes, in particular, may be relevant. Access and Mobility General Code

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design General Code

Home Business General Code

Parking and Vehicular Access General Code

Planning for Bushfire Risk Management General Code

Residential Boundary Fences General Code

Water Ways: Water Sensitive Urban Design General Code

General codes are found in part 11 of the Territory Plan.

Development must comply with the relevant codes (including other general codes that may not be listed above), subject to the code hierarchy outlined in the introduction to this code.

Definitions

Defined terms, references to legislation and other documents are italicised.

Definitions of terms used in this code are listed in part 13 of the Territory Plan or, for terms applicable only to this code, associated with the respective rule.

Acronyms

ACTPLA ACT Planning and Land Authority

EDD ACT Economic Development Directorate

EPA ACT Environment Protection Authority

ESA Emergency Services Authority

ESDD ACT Environment and Sustainable Development Directorate

NCA National Capital Authority

NCC National Construction Code

P&D Act Planning and Development Act 2007

TAMS ACT Territory and Municipal Services Directorate

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Element 1: Building and site controls

Related code: Planning for Bushfire Risk Mitigation General Code

Rules		Criteria					
1.1	Plot ratio – single dwelling blocks						
R1							
This	s rule applies to single dwelling blocks.	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no					
Plo	t ratio is:	applicable criterion.					
a)	for <i>large blocks</i> , other than those referred to in item b) – not more than 50%						
b)	for <i>blocks</i> in RZ1 created by subdivision of <i>dual occupancy housing</i> , the greater of –						
	 i) the plot ratio at the creation of the block, and 						
	ii) the maximum <i>plot ratio</i> calculated for the original block (ie. before subdivision) under R6 of the Multi Unit Housing Development Code						
c)	in all other cases – not applicable.						
rule roof requ	the purpose of calculating <i>plot ratio</i> for this, the <i>gross floor area</i> includes 18m ² for each ed car space provided to meet Territory uirements for resident car parking, but does include <i>basement</i> car parking.						
1.2	Number of storeys						
R2							
The	number of storeys does not exceed:	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no					
a)	in RZ1, RZ2 and RZ3 – 2	applicable criterion.					
b)	in RZ4 – 3.						
the	Rooftop plant that is set back and screened from the street is not included in the maximum number of storeys.						
1.3	1.3 Attics and basement car parking – single dwelling blocks - RZ1						
R3							
peri	Z1, on single dwelling blocks, attics are not mitted where they are located directly above 2 storey element of a single dwelling house.	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.					
R4							
parl	EZ1, on single dwelling blocks, basement car king is not permitted where located directly ow any 2 storey element of a single dwelling see.	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.					

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Rules	Criteria
1.4 Height of buildings	
R5	C5
Maximum height of building is:	Buildings are consistent with the desired
a) in RZ1, RZ2 and RZ3 – 8.5m	character.
b) in RZ4 – 12m.	
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1.5 Building envelope - all large blocks, mid sized blocks approved after 5 July 2013, all large and mid sized blocks in the Molonglo Valley and integrated housing development parcels

R6

This rule applies to all of the following:

- a) large blocks
- b) *mid sized blocks* approved under an estate development plan after 5 July 2013
- mid sized blocks in the district of Molonglo Valley
- d) integrated housing development parcels but does not apply to that part of the building on a single dwelling block that is required to be built to a boundary of the block by a precinct code applying to an integrated housing development parcel of which the block is a part.

Buildings are sited wholly within the building envelope formed by projecting planes over the subject *block* comprising lines projected at 45° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 3.5m above each side and rear boundary, except as required by the next rule

Refer to figure 1.

C6

Buildings achieve all of the following:

- a) consistency with the desired character
- reasonable levels of privacy for dwellings on adjoining residential blocks and their associated private open space.

1.6 Sun angle building envelope - all large blocks, mid sized blocks approved after 5 July 2013, compact blocks approved after 5 July 2013, all blocks in the Molonglo Valley and integrated housing development parcels

R7

This rule applies to all of the following:

- a) large blocks
- b) *mid sized blocks* approved under an estate development plan after 5 July 2013
- c) compact blocks approved under an estate development plan after 5 July 2013
- d) all blocks in the district of Molonglo Valley
- e) integrated housing development parcels

but does not apply to that part of the building on a *single dwelling block* that is required to be built to a boundary of the block by a precinct code

C7

Buildings achieve all of the following:

- a) consistency with the desired character
- reasonable solar access to dwellings on adjoining residential blocks and their associated private open space
- do not shadow the windows of habitable rooms (other than bedrooms) of any approved and constructed dwelling on an adjoining residential block at noon on the winter solstice
- d) do not overshadow the principal private

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Rules Criteria applying to an integrated housing development ope

applying to an *integrated housing development* parcel of which the block is a part.

Buildings are sited wholly within the building envelope formed by projecting planes over the subject *block* comprising lines projected at X° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length at the height of the *solar fence* on the *northern boundary* or boundaries of an adjoining *residential block*.

This rule does not apply to any part of a *northern* boundary to an adjoining residential block that is used primarily to provide access to the main part of the residential block (ie a "battleaxe" handle). The previous rule applies to this boundary.

The height of the *solar fence* is given in table 1A. X° is the apparent sun angle at noon on the winter solstice. For the purposes of this rule values for X are given in table 1B.

Refer to figure 1.

open space of any approved and constructed dwelling on an adjoining residential block to a greater extent than a 1.8m fence on the boundary at noon on the winter solstice.

1.7 Building envelope – mid sized blocks approved before 5 July 2013 except in Molonglo Valley

R8

This rule applies to *mid-sized blocks* with one of the following characteristics:

- i) approved under an *estate development* plan before 5 July 2013
- ii) for which a *lease* was granted before 5 July 2013

but does not apply to *blocks* located in the district of Molonglo Valley.

Buildings are sited wholly within the building envelope formed by projecting planes over the subject *block* comprising:

- a) within the primary building zone
 - i) lines projected at 45° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 4.5m above each side boundary, except for *northern boundaries* of adjoining *residential blocks*
 - ii) from *northern boundaries* of adjoining *residential blocks*, lines projected at 45° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 2m above these boundaries.

C8

Buildings achieve all of the following:

- a) consistency with the desired character
- b) reasonable levels of privacy for *dwellings* and their associated *private open space* on adjoining *residential blocks*
- c) reasonable solar access to *dwellings* and their associated *private open space* on adjoining *residential blocks*.

Rules Criteria iii) despite item ii), where a wall is located on a *northern boundary* lines projected at 30° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 3m above these boundaries. b) within the rear zone lines projected at 30° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 3.5m above each side and rear boundary, except for northern boundaries of adjoining residential blocks ii) from northern boundaries of adjoining residential blocks, lines projected at 30° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 2m above these boundaries. Refer Figure 2. R9 C9 This rule applies to mid-sized blocks and Buildings achieve all of the following: compact blocks with one of the following a) consistency with the desired character characteristics: b) reasonable levels of privacy for dwellings approved under an estate development and their associated private open space on plan before 5 July 2013 adjoining residential blocks for which a lease was granted before reasonable solar access to dwellings and 5 July 2013 their associated private open space on but does not apply to blocks located in the district adjoining residential blocks. of Molonglo Valley. Where a garage wall is located on, or setback from, the northern boundary of an adjoining

Where a garage wall is located on, or setback from, the *northern boundary* of an adjoining *residential block*, a 1m encroachment of the wall is permitted vertically beyond the building envelope, provided the wall and roof element associated with the wall do not encroach beyond a plane comprising lines projected at 30° to the horizontal from an infinite number of points on a line of infinite length 3m above the respective boundary.

Refer Figure 2.

Rules	Criteria
1.8 Bushfire	
R10	
Where identified in a precinct code or current and approved lease and development conditions as being within a bushfire prone area, buildings are constructed in accordance with the specified bushfire construction level of Australian Standard AS 3959 - Construction of buildings in bushfire-prone areas.	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.

Table 1A - Height of solar fence

	Location	Height of solar fence (m)
from:		2.4
i)	a point on the boundary at a distance from the front boundary equivalent to the minimum front boundary setback applying to that block	
to:		
ii)	a point on the boundary 10m from point i)	
all other parts of the boundary		1.8

Table 1B – Apparent sun angle (X) at noon on the winter solstice (21 June)

Aspect of northern boundary (bearing of line drawn perpendicular to the boundary)	Angle (X)
North 0-9° East	31 °
North 0-9° West	
North 10-19° East	32°
North 10-19° West	
North 20-29° East	34°
North 20-29° West	
North 30-39° East	36°
North 30-39° West	
North 40-45° East	39°
North 40-45° West	

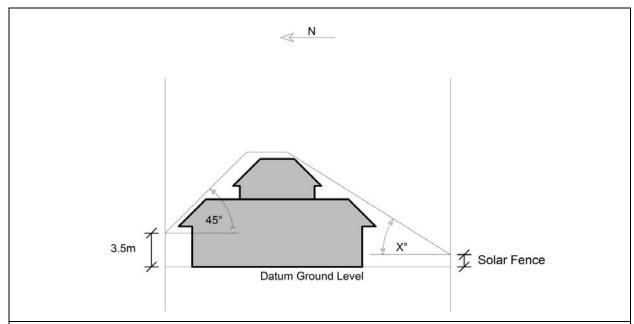


Figure 1 - Typical building envelope

Note: height of building and boundary setback provisions also apply

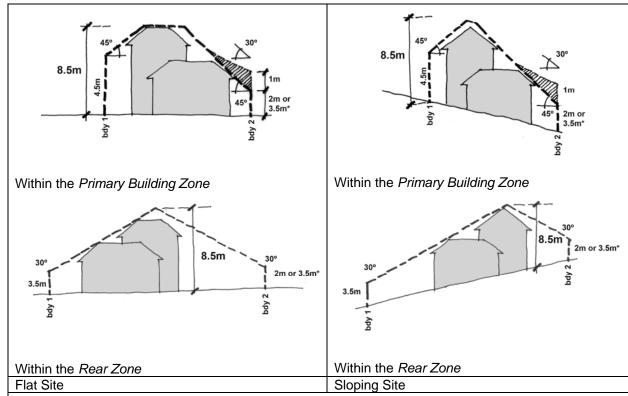


Figure 2 - Typical building envelope - mid sized blocks approved before 5 July 2013 – except in Molonglo Valley

Note: height of building and boundary setback provisions also apply

* 2m dimension applies to the northern boundary of an adjoining residential block

Hatched area indicates permissible encroachment under R9.

Rules	Criteria			
1.9 Front boundary setbacks – all blocks				
R11	C11			
Front boundary setbacks comply with the following:	Front boundary setbacks achieve all of the following:			
 a) large blocks - tables 2A, 2B or 2C, as applicable b) mid-sized blocks - tables 3A, 3B or 3C, as applicable c) compact blocks - tables 3A, 3B or 4, as applicable. 	 a) consistency with the desired character b) the efficient use of the site c) reasonable amenity for residents d) pedestrian scale at street level e) space for street trees to grow to maturity. 			
The minimum boundary setbacks for corner blocks apply only to one street frontage nominated by the applicant or nominated in a precinct code as a secondary street frontage. Nomination by a precinct code takes precedence. Chamfers may be included in the secondary street frontage, but only if the length of the chamfer is less than the length of the front boundary. Note: Chamfers are ordinarily found at the corner of a block at the junction of streets.				

Table 2A: Front boundary setbacks – large blocks in subdivisions approved before 18 October 1993 (refer appendix 1 diagram 1)

		exceptions	
	minimum front boundary setback	minimum front boundary setback to secondary street frontage	minimum front boundary setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m
lower floor level	6m	4m	4m
upper floor level	6m	6m	4m
garage	6m	5.5m	4m

Table 2B: Front boundary setbacks – large blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 18 October 1993 but before 31 March 2008 (refer appendix 1 diagram 2)

		exceptions		
	minimum front boundary setback	minimum front boundary setback to secondary street frontage	minimum front boundary setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m	
lower floor level	4m	4m	4m	
upper floor level	6m	6m	4m	
garage	5.5m with a minimum of 1.5 m behind the front building line	5.5m	4m	

Table 2C: Front boundary setbacks – large blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 31 March 2008 (refer appendix 1 diagram 3)

		exceptions			
	minimum front boundary setback	minimum front boundary setback to secondary street frontage	minimum front boundary setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m	minimum front boundary setback to rear lane front boundary or pedestrian paths less than 6m wide	
lower floor level	4m	3m	4m	nil	
upper floor level	6m	3m	4m	nil	
garage	behind the front where there is	minimum of 1.5m building line except a courtyard wall in ront zone	4m	nil	

Table 3A: Front boundary setbacks – mid sized and compact blocks in subdivisions approved before 18 October 1993 (refer appendix 1 diagrams 4 and 9)

		exceptions		
	minimum front boundary setback	minimum front boundary setback to secondary street frontage	minimum front boundary setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m	
lower floor level	6m	3m	4m	
upper floor level	6m	3m	4m	
garage	6m	5.5m	4m	

Table 3B: Front boundary setbacks – mid sized and compact blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 18 October 1993 but before 31 March 2008 (refer appendix 1 diagrams 5 and 10)

		exceptions		
	minimum front boundary setback	minimum front boundary setback to secondary street frontage	minimum front boundary setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m	
lower floor level	4m	3m	4m	
upper floor level	6m	3m	4m	
garage	5.5m with a minimum of 1.5 m behind the front building line	5.5 m	4m	

Table 3C: Front boundary setbacks – mid sized blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 31 March 2008 (refer appendix 1 diagrams 6, 7 and 8)

		exceptions		
	minimum setback to front boundary	minimum setback to secondary street frontage	minimum setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m	minimum setback to rear lane or pedestrian paths less than 6m wide
all floor levels	4m	3m	3m	nil
articulation elements – all floor levels	3m	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable
garage	behind the except	a minimum of 1.5m e front building line where there is a vall in the <i>front zone</i>	3m	nil

Table 4: Front boundary setbacks – compact blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 31 March 2008 (refer appendix 1 diagrams 11)

		exceptions			
	minimum setback to front boundary	minimum setback to secondary street frontage	minimum setback to open space or pedestrian paths wider than 6m	minimum setback to rear lane or pedestrian paths less than 6m wide	
all floor levels	3m	3m	3m	nil	
garage	behind the except	a minimum of 1.5m e front building line where there is a vall in the <i>front zone</i>	3m	nil	

Note: see tables 3A and 3B for compact blocks in subdivisions approved before 31 March 2008

Rules	Criteria		
1.10 Side and rear setbacks – all blocks			
R12	C12		
This rule applies to one of the following: i) single dwelling blocks that are not part of an integrated housing development parcel ii) single dwelling blocks in an integrated housing development parcel that adjoin residential blocks that are not part of that parcel.	Buildings and other structures are sited to achieve all of the following: a) consistency with the desired character b) reasonable separation between adjoining developments c) reasonable privacy for dwellings on adjoining residential blocks		

Rules Criteria Side and rear setbacks for: reasonable privacy for principal private open space on adjoining residential blocks large blocks - comply with table 5 reasonable solar access to dwellings on e) b) mid-sized blocks - comply with tables 6A or adjoining residential blocks and their 6B, as applicable associated principal private open space. mid-sized blocks nominated for alternative side boundary setbacks in a precinct code comply with table 6C d) compact blocks - comply with table 7. In relation to the tables referred to in this rule, side boundary 1 and side boundary 2 are nominated by the applicant unless otherwise specified in this code or in a precinct code Note: Ordinarily a corner block has a front boundary, a secondary frontage, two side boundaries, but no rear boundary.

1.11 Setbacks less than 900mm

R13

Where a setback less than 900mm is permitted, the *external wall* is set back from the boundary in compliance with one of the following:

- a) not less than 900mm
- b) not more than 180mm.

This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.

1.12 Garage walls on or near side and rear boundaries – large blocks

R14

This rule applies to large blocks.

The maximum total length of all garage walls at a setback of less than 900mm to a side or rear boundary is 8m.

C14

Garages are sited to achieve all of the following:

- a) consistency with the desired character
- b) reasonable privacy for *dwellings* on adjoining *residential blocks*
- c) reasonable privacy for *principal private open* space on adjoining residential blocks.

1.13 Walls on or near side and rear boundaries - mid sized blocks

R15

This rule applies to *mid sized blocks*, but does not apply to that part of the building that is required to be built to a boundary of the block by a precinct code applying to an *integrated housing development parcel* of which the block is a part.

A wall with a setback of less than 900mm to a side or rear boundary complies with all of the following:

- a) not more than 13m in length
- b) extends no more than 2.5m into the rear zone

This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.

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Table 5: Side and rear setbacks – large blocks (refer appendix 1 diagrams 1, 2 and 3)

	minimum side boundary setback within the <i>primary building zon</i> e		minimum side boundary setback within the <i>rear zone</i>		minimum rear
	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	boundary setback
lower floor level – external wall	3m	1.5m	3m	1.5m	3m
upper floor level – external wall	3m	3m	6m	6m	6m
upper floor level – unscreened element	6m	6m	6m	6m	6m
garage or carport	3m	nil* ^	3m	nil* ^	3m

^{*} see R14

Table 6A: Side and rear setbacks – mid sized blocks in subdivisions approved before 2 October 2009 (refer appendix 1 diagrams 4, 5 and 6)

	minimum side boundary setback within the <i>primary building zone</i>		minimum side boundary setback within the <i>rear zone</i>		minimum rear
	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	boundary setback
lower floor level	3m	>15m frontage 1.5m <15m frontage nil ^	3m	1.5m	3m
upper floor level – external wall	3m	3m	6m	6m	6m
upper floor level – unscreened element	6m	6m	6m	6m	6m

[^] does not apply to that part of a wall with a window of any sort

Note: Minimum side boundary setbacks requirements apply to buildings and Class 10 structures, except for side boundary 2 on *blocks* >800m², where the minimum side boundary setback for Class 10 structures is 1.5m.

[^] does not apply to that part of a wall with a window of any sort

Table 6B: Side and rear setbacks – mid sized blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 2 October 2009 (refer appendix 1 diagram 7)

	minimum side boundary setback within the <i>primary building zon</i> e		minimum side boundary setback within the <i>rear zone</i>		minimum rear	
	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	boundary setback	
lower floor level	1.5m	1.5m nil* ^	3m	0.9	3m nil** ^	
upper floor level – external wall	3m	1.5m nil* ^ **	6m	6m	6m nil** ^	
upper floor level – unscreened element	6m	6m	6m	6m	6m	

^{*} see R15

Table 6C: Alternative side and rear setbacks – mid sized blocks in subdivisions approved on or after 2 October 2009 – applicable only to blocks nominated in a precinct code as an alternative boundary setback block (refer appendix 1 diagram 8)

	minimum side boundary setback within the <i>primary building zon</i> e		minimum side boundary setback within the <i>rear zone</i>		minimum rear
	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	side boundary 1	side boundary 2	boundary setback
lower floor level	1.5m 4m^	1.5m nil* ^^	1.5 4m^	1.5	3m nil** ^^
upper floor level – external wall	3m	1.5m nil* ^^ **	not applicable		
upper floor level – unscreened element	6m	6m			

^{*} see R15

^{**} only where specifically permitted under a precinct code.

[^] does not apply to that part of a wall with a window of any sort

^{**} only where specifically permitted under a precinct code.

[^] minimum setback applies to not less than 50% of the building length. That part of the building at this set back is not less than 4m rearwards of the front building line. The building length is measured 4m behind the front building line.

[^] does not apply to that part of a wall with a window of any sort

Table 7: Side and rear setbacks – compact blocks (refer appendix 1 diagrams 9,10 and 11)

	minimur	minimum side boundary setback				
	side boundary 1 or longer side boundary of a corner block	side boundary 2	shorter side boundary of a corner block			
lower floor level – external wall	nil^	nil^	3m	3m nil* ^		
lower floor level – unscreened element	1.5m	1.5m	3m	3m		
upper floor level – external wall	nil**^	nil**^	3m	4m nil* ^		
upper floor level – unscreened element	1.5m	1.5m	3m	4m		
garage or carport	nil^	nil^	nil^	3m nil* ^		

^{*} only where specifically permitted under a precinct code.
** only where the lower floor level is built to the boundary

[^] does not apply to that part of a wall with a window of any sort

Rules	Criteria		
1.14 Allowable encroachments – setbacks			
R16 Encroachments into one or more of the following: i) minimum side setback ii) minimum rear setback are permitted for one or more of the following building elements: a) an eave or roof overhang with a horizontal width of not more than 600mm b) fascias, gutters, downpipes, rainwater tanks, chimneys, flues, domestic fuel tanks, cooling or heating appliances, light fittings, electricity and gas meters, aerials,	associated nrivate onen snace		
antennae, pergolas, sun blinds			
 c) unroofed terraces, landings, steps or ramps, none of which are more than 1m above finished ground level. 			

Rules Criteria R17 C17 Encroachments into the front setback are Buildings and other structures achieve all of the permitted for one or more of the following building following: elements: a) consistency with the desired character an eave or roof overhang with a horizontal b) reasonable levels of privacy on adjoining width of not more than 600mm residential blocks for dwellings and their fascias, gutters, downpipes, light fittings, b) associated private open space sun blinds reasonable solar access to dwellings on c) c) landings, steps or ramps, none of which are adjoining residential blocks and their more than 1m above finished ground level. associated private open space. 1.15 Allowable encroachments – building envelopes **R18** Encroachments outside the building envelope Buildings and other structures achieve all of the specified in this element are permitted for one or following: more of the following: consistency with the desired character a) flues a) reasonable levels of privacy on adjoining b) b) chimneys residential blocks for dwellings and their associated private open space antennae reasonable solar access to dwellings on d) aerials adjoining residential blocks and their cooling appliances e) associated private open space. heating appliances. 1.16 Surveillance blocks R19 This is a mandatory requirement. There is no Where identified in a precinct code or current and approved lease and development conditions as a applicable criterion. surveillance block, provide habitable room(s) above the garage with windows facing and overlooking the rear lane. 1.17 Cut and fill R₂₀ C20 The maximum cut or fill within 1.5m of side and Cut and fill is limited so that all of the following rear boundaries is 1.5m are achieved: a) stability of the block and adjoining blocks b) reasonable access to sunlight on the block c) compatibility with the streetscape. 1.18 Blocks between 500m² and 550m² R21 The provisions of this code relating to *mid-sized* This is a mandatory requirement. There is no blocks apply to blocks from 500m² or greater but less than 550m² that are identified in a precinct applicable criterion. code as mid-sized blocks.

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Element 2: Lease and development conditions

2.1	2.1 Approved lease and development conditions				
R22	2	C22			
leas	rule applies to <i>block</i> s affected by approved the and development conditions that provide tone or more of the following matters:	The development meets the intent any approved lease and development conditions.			
a)	plot ratio				
b)	building envelope				
c)	building height				
d)	front street setback				
e)	side setback				
f)	rear setback				
g)	building design				
h)	materials and finish				
i)	interface				
j)	vehicle access				
k)	parking				
I)	solar access				
m)	private open space				
n)	water sensitive urban design				
o)	landscaping.				
the over	roved lease and development conditions for matters listed above shall take precedence the provisions of this code, but only to the ent of any inconsistency.				

Element 3: Building design

Related legislation: Common Boundaries Act 1981

Note: Under the *Building Act 2004* most buildings need to meet the requirements of the Building Code of Australia. For certain classes of buildings, this will include prescribed energy requirements.

Rules	Criteria
3.1 Materials and finishes	
R23	C23
Structures, plant and equipment situated on the roof are not visible from the street frontage or other unleased territory land unless exempt under <i>Planning and Development Act 2007</i> .	Structures and plant and equipment situated on the roof that are not exempt under <i>Planning and Development Act 2007</i> achieve all of the following: a) do not diminish the value of the <i>streetscape</i> b) do not diminish residential amenity of neighbouring <i>block</i> s.

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3.2 Fencing – large blocks and mid sized blocks

R24

This rule applies to *large blocks* and *mid-sized blocks*.

Walls or fencing are not permitted forward of the *building line* except where they comply with one or more of the following:

- a) a previously approved estate development plan
- b) a relevant precinct code
- c) form a gate to a maximum height of 1.8m in an established, vigorous hedge
- d) otherwise complies with this code (eg courtyard wall provisions)
- e) is exempt under the *Planning and Development Act 2007*.

C24

Fences comply with the Residential Boundaries Fences General Code.

3.3 Courtyard walls - large blocks

R25

This rule applies to large blocks.

Courtyard walls forward of the *building line* comply with all of the following:

- total length complies with one of the following
 - i) not more than 50% of the width of the block
 - ii) not more than 70% where the width of the *block* at the line of the wall is less than 12m
- b) setback from the front boundary not less than 50% of the minimum front setback applying to the *block*
- c) height does not exceed 1.8m
- d) constructed only of brick, block or stonework, any of which may be combined with feature panels
- e) incorporate shrub planting between the wall and the front boundary
- f) do not obstruct site lines for vehicles and pedestrians on public paths on driveways in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890.1- Off-Street Parking.

C25

Courtyard walls achieve all of the following:

- a) consistent with the desired character
- the dominance of the building's facade in the streetscape taking all of the following aspects of the proposed courtyard wall into account
 - i) height
 - ii) relationship to verge footpath
 - iii) total proportion relative to the building width
 - iv) colour and design features
 - v) transparency
 - vi) articulation
 - vii) protection of existing desirable landscape features
 - viii) tree and shrub planting forward of the wall
- do not obstruct sight lines for vehicles and pedestrians on public paths or driveways in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890.1- Off-Street Parking.

Rules Criteria

3.4 Courtyard walls - mid sized blocks

R26

This rule applies to mid-sized blocks.

Courtyard walls forward of the *building line* comply with all of the following:

- a) have a maximum total length of
 - i) where the width of the block at the line of the wall is less than 12m – 70% of the width of the block
 - ii) in all other cases 50% of the width of the *block*
- b) have a minimum *setback* from the *front* boundary of not less than -
 - i) where the total length of the courtyard wall measured parallel to the front street boundary does not exceed 6.5m and the courtyard wall does not exceed 1.5m in height - 1m
 - ii) in all other cases 50% of the minimum front setback applying to the block
- c) do not exceed 1.8m in height
- d) are constructed of one of the following -
 - only of brick, block or stonework, any of which may be combined with feature panels
 - ii) finished to match or complement the dwelling house
- incorporate shrub planting between the wall and the front boundary
- do not obstruct site lines for vehicles and pedestrians on public paths on driveways in accordance with A2890.1-The Australian Standard for Off-Street Parking.

C26

Courtyard walls achieve all of the following:

- a) consistent with the desired character
- the dominance of the building's facade in the streetscape taking all of the following aspects of the proposed courtyard wall into account
 - i) height
 - ii) relationship to verge footpath
 - iii) total proportion relative to the building width
 - iv) colour and design features
 - v) transparency
 - vi) articulation
 - vii) protection of existing desirable landscape features
 - viii) tree and shrub planting forward of the wall
- do not obstruct sight lines for vehicles and pedestrians on public paths or driveways in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890.1- Parking facilities, part 1 off-street parking.

3.5 Front fences and courtyard walls - compact blocks

R27

This rule applies to compact blocks.

Courtyard walls forward of the *building line* comply with all of the following:

- a) have a maximum total length of
 - i) where the width of the *block* at the line of the wall is less than 12m 60% of the width of the *block*
 - ii) in all other cases 50% of the width of the *block*

C27

Courtyard walls achieve all of the following:

- a) consistency with the desired character
- dominance of the building's facade in the streetscape taking all of the following aspects of the proposed courtyard wall into account:
 - i) height
 - ii) relationship to verge footpath

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Rules Criteria b) have a minimum setback from the front iii) total proportion relative to the building boundary of not less than width i) where the courtyard encloses north colour and design features iv) facing principal private open space v) transparency 1m vi) articulation in all other cases – 2m protection of existing desirable have a maximum height of c) landscape features where the courtyard encloses principal viii) tree and shrub planting forward of the private open space - 1.5m wall where both of the following apply c) sight lines for vehicles and pedestrians on a) the courtyard encloses principal public paths or driveways in accordance private open space with Australian Standard AS2890.1- Parking b) the *block* is a corner *block* facilities, part 1 off-street parking. - 1.8m iii) in all other cases - 1.2m d) comply with one or more of the following constructed of brick, block or stonework, any of which may be

R28

e)

For compact blocks, front fences and side fences forward of the building line comply with all of the following:

combined with feature panels

provide for sight lines for vehicles and

constructed and finished to match or complement the single dwelling house

pedestrians on public paths on driveways in accordance with A2890.1-The Australian

do not exceed one of the following -

Standard for Off-Street Parking.

- where located adjacent to the dwelling's principal private open space -1.5m in height
- where located adjacent to the ii) dwelling's principal private open space, where the block is a corner block -1.8m in height
- in all other cases 1.2m in height
- A2890.1-The Australian Standard for Offb) Street Parking in relation to site lines for vehicles and pedestrians on public paths or driveways.

Front and side fences achieve all of the following:

- consistency with the desired character
- b) appropriate proportions and character with respect to
 - i) height
 - relationship to verge footpath ii)
 - total proportion relative to the building iii) width
 - iv) colour and design features
 - transparency and articulation v)
 - protection of existing desirable vi) landscape features
- do not obstruct sight lines for vehicles and c) pedestrians on public paths or driveways in accordance with Australian Standard AS2890.1- Parking facilities, part 1 off-street parking.

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Element 4: Parking and site access

Related code: Parking and Access General Code

Rul	es	Criteria
4.1	Pedestrian access	
R29		This is a mandatory requirement. There is no
ped	blocks with a boundary to a rear lane, estrian access is provided from the street ress.	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.
4.2	Vehicle access	
R30		C30
	eway verge crossings comply with all of the wing:	Driveway verge crossings are endorsed by Department of Territory and Municipal Services.
a)	1.2m horizontally clear of stormwater sumps and other services	
b)	1.5m horizontally clear of transformers, bus stops, public light poles	
c)	6m horizontally clear of the tangent point of the radius of the curve on a corner <i>block</i> (excluding locations with roundabouts and signalised intersections, which require separate formal approval and support from Asset Acceptance)	
d)	uphill grade of less than 17% as measured from the kerb; downhill grade of less than 12% as measured from the kerb	
e)	at a right angle to the kerb line with a maximum 10% deviation	
f)	for <i>large blocks</i> and <i>mid sized blocks</i> , a maximum of 5.5 m wide, and a minimum of 5m wide at the kerb, a minimum 3m wide at the front boundary, and a maximum width no greater than the width at the kerb	
g)	for <i>compact blocks</i> , 3m wide at the front street boundary	
h)	outside of the drip line of mature trees	
i)	minimum of 3m clear of small and new street trees	
j)	compliant with Australian Standard AS2890.1- Parking facilities as amended from time to time, having particular regard for sightlines and cross fall of the site	
k)	where there is a public footpath across the driveway verge crossing, the footpath is continuous (i.e. the footpath is to have	

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l)	If the	cedence). e existing footpath is replaced, it is structed at the same level in the same erial and colour as the original.		
4.3	Parl	king		
R31 The minimum number of car parking spaces provided on the <i>block</i> complies with the following: a) for a <i>single dwelling house</i> on <i>compact blocks</i> containing not more than 1 bedroom – 1 b) in all other cases - 2.		C31 Car parking provided on the <i>block</i> is adequate for residents and visitors.		
than	the fi ii) iii) iv) v) vi)	ons of car parking spaces are not less following: single roofed space - 6m x 3m double roofed space - 6m x 5.5m single unroofed space - 5.5m x 3m multiple unroofed spaces side by side - 5.5m x 2.6m parallel parking spaces - 6.7m x 2.3m 2.1m minimum clearance to any overhead structure. ule dimensions for roofed spaces are limensions.	the for a) b) c)	parking spaces are sized to allow for all of collowing: convenient access to the vehicle by the driver and passengers reasonable side and overhead clearance to vehicles reasonable access by vehicles (ie minimal turning movements).
of the a) b) c) d)	e foll are community do not at let is be compark required. AS2	ing spaces on the <i>block</i> comply with all lowing: not located in the <i>front zone</i> , except on apact blocks or on any part of a leway. not encroach any property boundaries east one car parking space is roofed and ehind the <i>front zone</i> apply with sightlines for off-street carking facilities and other relevant uirements in Australian Standard 2890.1- Parking facilities. ule a driveway is a driveway to a carkpace that is located behind the <i>front line</i> .	all of a) b) c)	parking and related access on block achieve the following: reasonable amenity of neighbouring residential blocks consistency with the value of the streetscape public safety especially in relation to pedestrians and cyclists reasonable surveillance of parking spaces.

Rules	Criteria
R34	C34
In RZ1 and RZ2, on <i>single dwelling blocks</i> ramps accessing <i>basement</i> car parking are behind the building line, where the <i>block</i> is less than 30 m wide as measured at the street frontage. Ramps comply with the relevant requirements in Australian Standard AS2890.1- <i>Parking facilities</i> .	Ramps to basement car parking maintain the value of the streetscape and allow safe and efficient vehicle and pedestrian movement.
R35	
Car parking is not permitted on verges.	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.
R36	C36
This rule applies to street frontages except frontages to laneways.	Garages or carports achieve all of the following: a) consistency with the <i>streetscape</i>
The maximum total width of garage doors and external width of carports the lesser of the following: a) 6m	b) consistency with the desired characterc) compatibility with the façade of the associated dwelling.
b) 50% of the frontage.	

Element 5: Amenity

Rules	Criteria		
5.1 Solar access			
R37 The floor or internal wall of a daytime living area of a dwelling is exposed to not less than 3 hours of direct sunlight between the hours of 9am and 3pm on the winter solstice (21 June).	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.		
5.2 Private open space			
R38	C38		
For large blocks, private open space complies with all of the following: a) has a minimum area equal to 60% of the block area, less 50m ²	Private open space provides residential amenity on the subject site and protects the residential amenity of adjoining sites by achieving all of the following:		
b) has a minimum dimension of 6m for an area not less than 10% of the blockc) at least 50% of the minimum area in a) is	 a) limits site coverage of buildings and vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas b) provides space for planting c) facilitates on-site infiltration of stormwater 		
planting area. Note: Private open space includes principal private open space, as required elsewhere in this element.	run-off d) provides outdoor areas that are readily accessible by residents for a range of uses and activities		

Rules Criteria provides space for service functions such as clothes drying and domestic storage. R39 C39 Private open space provides residential amenity For mid-sized blocks, private open space complies with all of the following: on the subject site and protects the residential amenity of adjoining sites by achieving all of the a minimum area equal to 40% of the block following: area, less 50m² a) limits site coverage of buildings and vehicle b) a minimum dimension as follows parking and manoeuvring areas blocks that are identified in a precinct provides space for planting b) code as an alternative boundary facilitates on-site infiltration of stormwater setback block - 4m for an area not less c) than 20% of the block area run-off in all other cases - 6m for an area not d) provides outdoor areas that are readily less than 10% of the block area accessible by residents for a range of uses and activities c) at least 50% of the minimum area specified in a) is planting area. e) provides space for service functions such as clothes drying and domestic storage. Note: Private open space includes principal private open space, as required elsewhere in this element. C40 R40 For compact blocks, private open space complies Private open space provides residential amenity with all of the following: on the subject site and protects the residential amenity of adjoining sites by achieving all of the a minimum area is not less than 20% of the following: block area limits site coverage of buildings and vehicle a) b) at least 50% of the minimum area specified parking and manoeuvring areas in a) is planting area.

Note: Private open space includes principal private open space, as required elsewhere in this element.

- b) provides space for planting
- facilitates on-site infiltration of stormwater run-off
- d) provides outdoor areas that are readily accessible by residents for a range of uses and activities
- e) provides space for service functions such as clothes drying and domestic storage.

5.3 Principal private open space

R41

At least one area of *principal private open space* on the block complies with all of the following:

- a) minimum area and dimensions specified in table 8.
- b) at ground level
- directly accessible from, and adjacent to, a habitable room other than a bedroom
- d) screened from adjoining public streets and public open space

C41

Principal private open space achieves all of the following:

- a) is proportionate to the size of the dwelling
- capable of enabling an extension of the function of the dwelling for relaxation, dining, entertainment, recreation, and it is directly accessible from the dwelling
- c) accommodates service functions such as clothes drying and mechanical services

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Rules		Criteria	
e)	located behind the building line, except where enclosed by a courtyard wall	d)	is screened from public streets and public open space with pedestrian or cycle paths.
f)	is not located to the south, south-east or south-west of the dwelling, unless it achieves not less than 3 hours of direct sunlight onto 50% of the minimum principal private open space area between the hours of 9am and 3pm on the winter solstice (21 June).		

Table 8: Principal Private Open Space

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Zone	Dwelling Size	Minimum Area	Minimum Dimension
	Up to 105m ² GFA	28m ²	4m
RZ1			
RZ2	105m ² GFA or greater	36m ²	6m
RZ3			
RZ4	all	24m ²	4m

Rules		Criteria
5.4 Noi	se attenuation – external sources	
R42		
Where a character	block has one or more of the following ristics:	This is a mandatory requirement. There is no applicable criterion.
i)	identified in a precinct code as being potentially affected by noise from external sources	
ii)	adjacent to a road carrying or forecast to carry traffic volumes greater than 6,000 vehicles per day	
iii)	located in a commercial zone	
iv)	adjacent to a commercial or industrial zone	
dwellings shall be constructed to comply with the relevant sections of all of the following:		
, r (AS/NZS 2107:2000 - Acoustics — Recommended design sound levels and reverberation times for building interiors the relevant satisfactory recommended interior design sound level)	

Rules	Criteria
 b) AS/NZS 3671 - Acoustics – Road Traffic Noise Intrusion Building Siting and Design. 	
For other than road traffic noise, compliance with this rule is demonstrated by a noise management plan prepared by a member of the Australian Acoustical Society with experience in the assessment of noise, and endorsed by the EPA. For other than road traffic noise, the noise level immediately adjacent to the dwelling is assumed to be the relevant noise zone standard specified in the ACT Environment Protection Regulation 2005.	
For road traffic noise, compliance with this rule is demonstrated by an acoustic assessment and noise management plan, prepared by a member of the Australian Acoustical Society with experience in the assessment of road traffic noise, and endorsed by the Transport Planning & Projects Section in ESDD.	
Note: A condition of development approval may be imposed to ensure compliance with the endorsed noise management plan.	

Element 6: Environment

Water Ways: Water Sensitive Urban Design General Code

Rules	Criteria
6.1 Water sensitive urban design	
R43	C43
This rule applies to all new single dwellings, except minor extensions.	Evidence is provided that the development achieves a minimum 40% reduction in mains water consumption compared to an equivalent development constructed in 2003, using the
The development complies with one of the following:	
i) Option A ii) Option B	ACTPLA on-line assessment tool or another tool. The 40% target is met without any reliance on landscaping measures to reduce consumption.
For this rule	
Option A is:	
a) on compact blocks -	
i) no minimum water storage requirement	
ii) minimum ★★★ WELS rated plumbing fixtures	
b) on mid-sized blocks -	
i) minimum on site water storage of water from roof harvesting is 2,000 litres	

Rules Criteria 50% or 75m² of roof plan area, whichever is the lesser, is connected to the tank and the tank is connected to at least a toilet, laundry cold water and all external taps on large blocks up to 800m²c) minimum on site water storage of water from roof harvesting is 4,000 litres 50% or 100m² of roof plan area, ii) whichever is the lesser, is connected to the tank and the tank is connected to at least a toilet, laundry cold water and all external taps on large blocks 800m² or greater d) minimum on site water storage of water from roof harvesting is 5,000 litres 50% or 125m² of roof plan area, whichever is the lesser, is connected to the tank and the tank is connected to at least a toilet, laundry cold water and all external taps. Option B is: A greywater system captures all bathroom and laundry greywater and treats it to Class A standard. The treated greywater is connected to all laundry cold water, toilet flushing and all external taps. For this rule minor extension means an extension where the increase in the combined roof plan area, driveway, car manoeuvring areas and car parking areas is less than 25% of the total of the areas of these components at the date of lodgement of the development application or building application, whichever is earlier. 6.2 Heritage R44 This rule applies to land containing places or This is a mandatory requirement. There is no objects registered or provisionally registered applicable criterion. under section 41 of the Heritage Act 2004. The

the Heritage Council.

Note: The authority will consider any advice from the Heritage

Council before determining the application.

authority shall refer a development application to

Rules Criteria 6.3 Tree protection R45 This rule applies to a development that has one This is a mandatory requirement. There is no or more of the following characteristics: applicable criterion. requires groundwork within the tree protection zone of a protected tree b) is likely to cause damage to or removal of any protected trees. The authority shall refer the development application to the Conservator of Flora and Fauna. Notes: 1. Under the Planning and Development Regulation 2008 a development application for a declared site under the Tree Protection Act 2005, must be referred to the Conservator of Flora and Fauna. 2. The authority will consider any advice from the Conservator or Flora and Fauna before determining the application in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2007. 3. Protected tree and declared site are defined under the Tree Protection Act 2005. 6.4 Erosion and sediment control R46 For sites less than 3,000m², development This is a mandatory requirement. There is no complies with the Environment Protection applicable criterion. Authority, Environment Protection Guidelines for Construction and Land Development in the ACT, August 2007. **R47** For sites 3,000m² or larger, the application is This is a mandatory requirement. There is no accompanied by an erosion and sediment control applicable criterion. plan endorsed by the ACT Environment Protection Authority. Note: If an erosion and sediment control plan is required but not provided, the application will be referred to the ACT

Environment Protection Authority to the Heritage Council

before the determination of the application.

Element 7: Services

Rules Criteria 7.1 Construction waste management – all zones R48 This rule applies to residential development that This is a mandatory requirement. There is no is likely to generate more than 20m3 of applicable criterion. construction waste comprising one or more of the following: a) demolition waste b) construction waste excavation material. The management of construction waste is to be endorsed by TAMS. TAMS will endorse waste facilities and management associated with the development if they comply with the current version of the Development Control Code for Best Practice Waste Management in the ACT. TAMS may endorse departures. Note: a condition of approval may be imposed to ensure compliance. 7.2 Utilities - all zones R49 This rule applies to any proposed encroachment This is a mandatory requirement. There is no into a registered easement. applicable criterion. The encroachment is to be approved in writing by the relevant service provider.

Appendix 1 – Boundary setback diagrams

Diagram 1: Large blocks approved before 18 October 1993 (refer Tables 2A and 5)

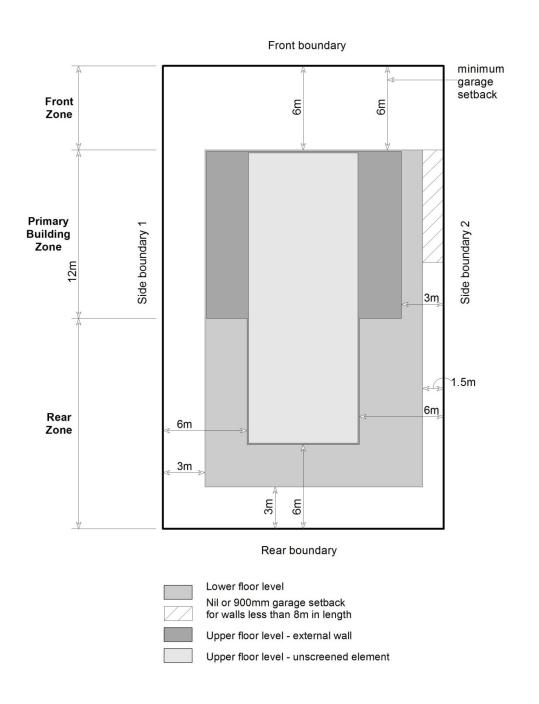
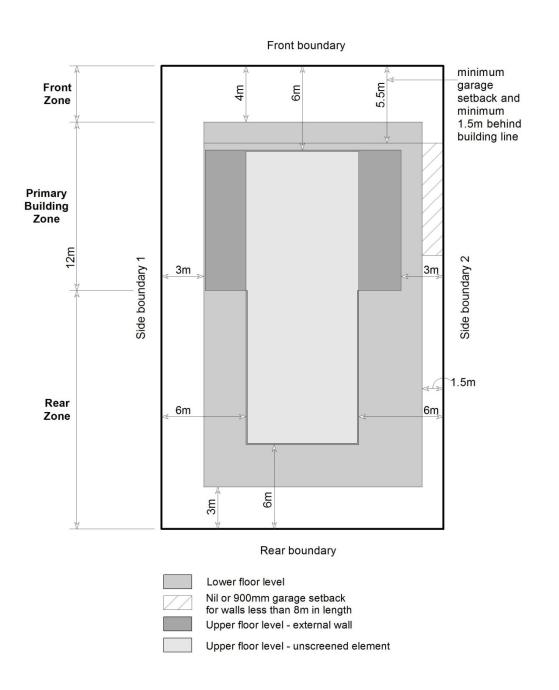


Diagram 2: Large blocks approved on or after 18 October 1993 but before 31 March 2008 (refer Tables 2B and 5)



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Diagram 3: Large blocks approved on or after 31 March 2008 (refer Tables 2C and 5)

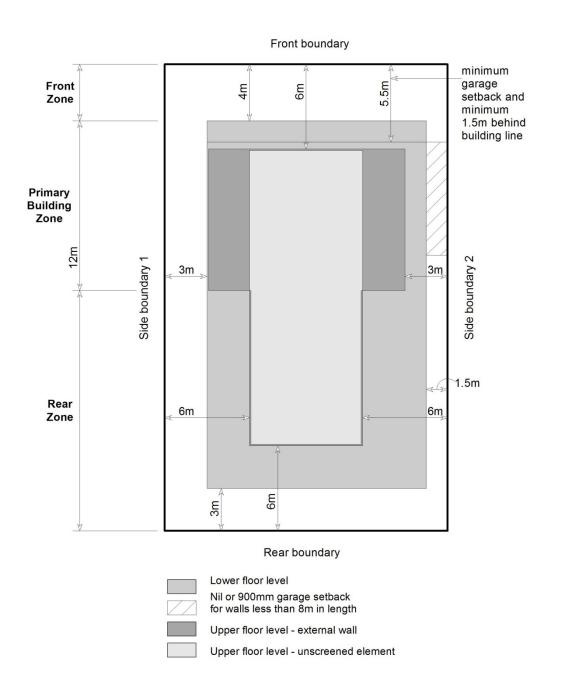


Diagram 4: Mid-sized blocks approved before 18 October 1993 (refer Tables 3A and 6A)

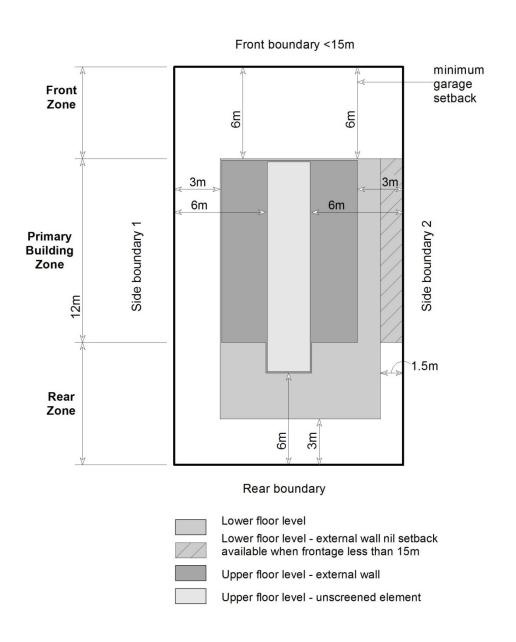


Diagram 5: Mid-sized blocks approved on or after 18 October 1993 but before 31 March 2008 (refer Tables 3B and 6A)

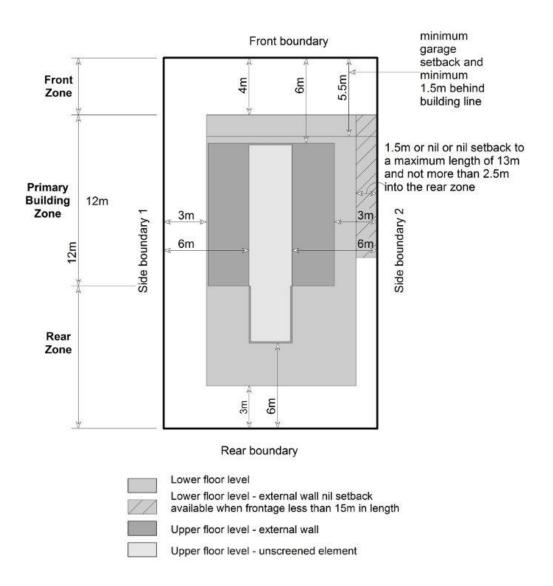


Diagram 6: Mid-sized blocks approved on or after 31 March 2008 but before 2 October 2009 (refer Tables 3C and 6A)

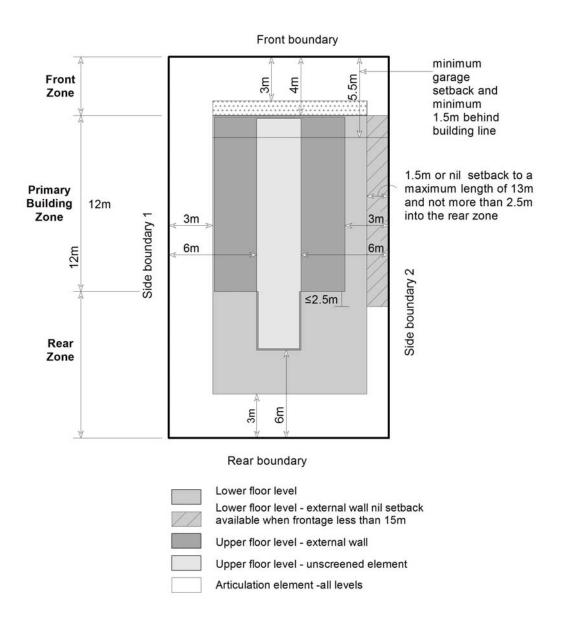


Diagram 7: Mid-sized blocks approved on or after 2 October 2009 (refer Tables 3C and 6B)

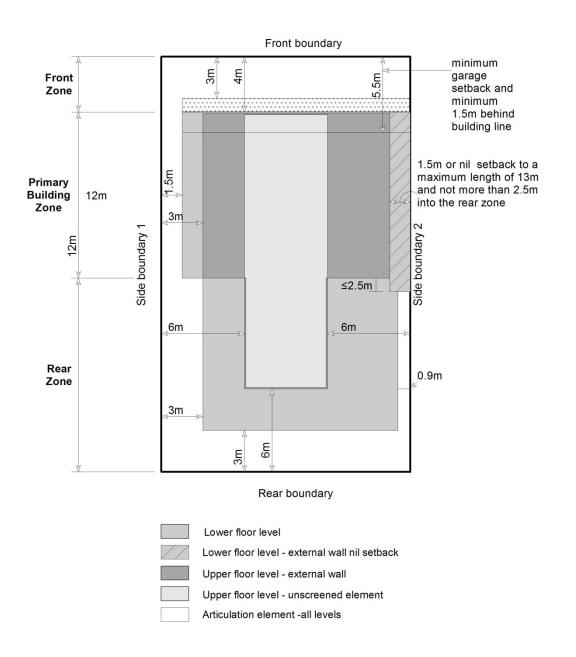


Diagram 8: Mid-sized blocks approved on or after 2 October 2009 – alternative side and rear setbacks applicable only to nominated blocks in a precinct code (refer Tables 3C and 6C)

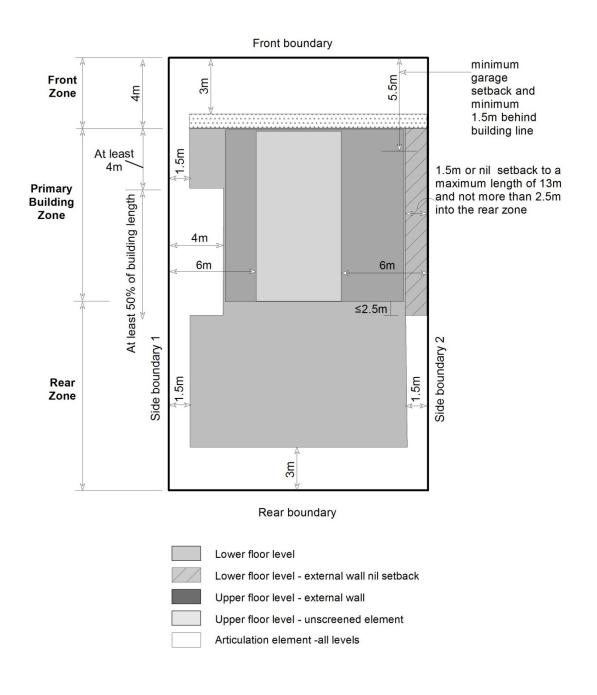


Diagram 9: Compact blocks approved before 18 October 1993 (refer Tables 3A and 7)

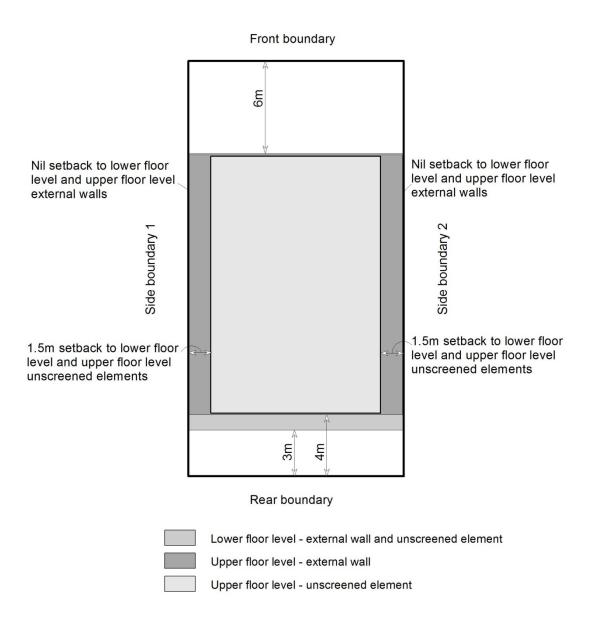


Diagram 10: Compact blocks approved on or after 18 October 1993 but before 31 March 2008 (refer Tables 3B and 7)

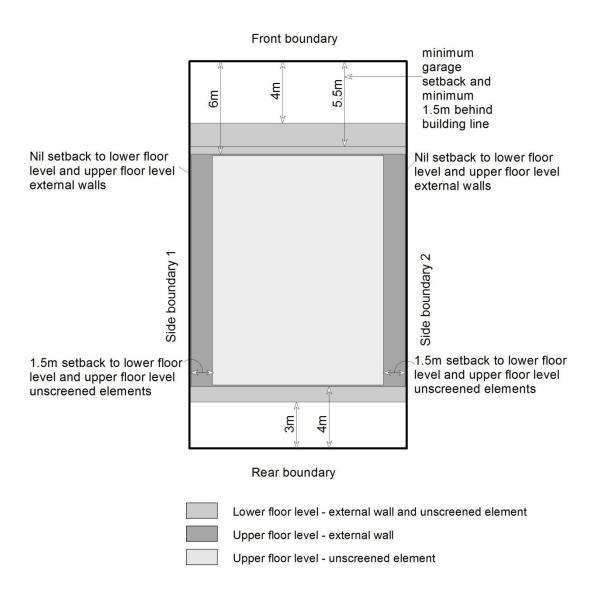


Diagram 11: Compact blocks approved on or after 31 March 2008 but before 2 October 2009 (refer Table 4 and 7)

