

# Request a later currency period for an SDA approval

## State development areas | Advisory note

This advisory note outlines how to request a later currency period for an SDA approval in a State development area (SDA) and how the Coordinator-General assesses and decides such requests.

### What is a currency period?

The currency period of an SDA approval is the period of time during which the approval remains current.

The *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* stipulates the currency period for an SDA approval is generally four years. However, an SDA approval can specify a later time period.

The currency period commences on the day the SDA approval takes effect; this is on or after the date stated in the decision notice for the relevant SDA approval.

If the development has not substantially started, or for reconfiguring a lot, the plan of subdivision is not given to the Coordinator-General for approval, before the currency period ends, the SDA approval lapses. If an approval lapses, a new SDA application is required.

The start of construction associated with an SDA approval is not considered commencement of the development. If there is a likelihood of the approval lapsing, it is advisable to request a later currency period.

### Requesting a later currency period

A development proponent may, if an SDA approval has not lapsed, make a written request to the Coordinator-General for a later currency period for the SDA approval.

The request should:

- be made to the Coordinator-General on the approved form ([www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/sda](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/sda))
- identify the SDA approval for which the request applies
- include sufficient information to support the request
- be made, and accepted as a properly made request at least 30 business days before the end of the currency period for the SDA approval
- include payment of relevant fee (see *Guideline to state development area fees* at [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/sda](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/sda)).

### Assessment of request

The assessment process for a properly made request for a later currency period for an SDA approval generally comprises the following steps:

- (1) request lodged
- (2) if necessary, the Coordinator-General seeks additional information from the proponent
- (3) if required, a copy of the request is sent to relevant referral entities

- (4) Coordinator-General assesses the request and issues a decision notice.

When assessing a request, the Coordinator-General may take into account a range of issues, including, but not limited to:

- any changed circumstances since the existing SDA approval was granted
- the state of the economy or financial situation of the proponent
- likelihood of the use commencing in the near future.

After deciding the request, the Coordinator-General issues a decision notice. If the request is approved, the decision notice will state the date of the later currency period.

If the request is refused, the decision notice will include the reasons for the decision. The currency period attached to the SDA approval will remain unchanged.

## Contact us

For further information read the relevant development scheme at [www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/sda](http://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/sda) or contact the Office of the Coordinator-General on 1800 001 048 or via [sdainfo@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au](mailto:sdainfo@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au)

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