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COMMERCIAL 1 ZONE

Shown on the planning scheme map as **B1Z, B2Z, B5Z** or **C1Z**.

Purpose

To implement the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

To create vibrant mixed use commercial centres for retail, office, business, entertainment and community uses.

To provide for residential uses at densities complementary to the role and scale of the commercial centre.

Operation

A schedule may apply under this zone to a planning scheme outside of metropolitan Melbourne. That schedule may:

- specify the maximum leasable floor area for office
- specify the maximum leasable floor area for shop (other than restricted retail premises)

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Table of uses

Section 1 - Permit not required

Use	Condition
Accommodation (other than Corrective institution)	Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres (other than a bed and breakfast and caretaker's house).
Child care centre	Any frontage at ground floor level must not exceed 2 metres and access must not be shared with a dwelling (other than a caretaker's house).
Cinema	
Cinema based entertainment facility	
Education centre	
Exhibition centre	
Home occupation	
Informal outdoor recreation	
Minor utility installation	
Office	The leasable floor area for all offices must not exceed any amount specified in the schedule to this zone.
Place of worship	The gross floor area of all buildings must not exceed 250 square metres.
Railway	
Retail premises (other than Shop)	
Shop (other than Adult sex bookshop)	The leasable floor area for all shops must not exceed any amount specified in the schedule to this zone.
Tramway	
Any use listed in Clause 62.01	Must meet the requirements of Clause 62.01.

Section 2 - Permit required

Use	Condition
Adult sex bookshop	Must be at least 200 metres (measured by the shortest route reasonably accessible on foot) from a residential zone or, 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 Apiculture and Intensive animal husbandry)	
Industry	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 52.10.
Leisure and recreation facility (other than Informal outdoor recreation, Major sports and recreation facility and Motor racing track)	
Place of assembly (other than Carnival, Cinema, Circus, Exhibition centre and Place of worship)	
Utility installation (other than Minor utility installation and Telecommunications facility)	
Warehouse	Must not be a purpose listed in the table to Clause 52.10.
Any other use not in Section 1 or 3	

Section 3 - Prohibited

Use
Corrective institution
Intensive animal husbandry
Major sports and recreation facility
Motor racing track

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Use of land

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.

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Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land.

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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.

An apartment development must meet the requirements of Clause 58.

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.

Maintenance

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

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Neighbourhood and site description and design response

An application for any of the following must be accompanied by a neighbourhood and site description and a design response as described in Clause 54.01 or 55.01, as appropriate:

- Construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot of less than 300 square metres.
- Construction of a dwelling if there is at least one dwelling existing on the lot.
- Construction of two or more dwellings on a lot.
- Extension of a dwelling if there are two or more dwellings on the lot.
- Construction or extension of a dwelling on common property.
- Construction or extension of a residential building.

Clause 34.01-5 does not apply to an apartment development.

Satisfactory neighbourhood and site description before notice and decision

The responsible authority must inform the applicant in writing:

- Before notice of an application is given, or
- If notice of an application is not required to be given, before deciding the application,

that the neighbourhood and site description meets the requirements of Clause 54.01 or 55.01 and is satisfactory or does not meet the requirements of Clause 54.01 or 55.01 and is not satisfactory.

If the responsible authority decides that the neighbourhood and site description is not satisfactory, it may require more information from the applicant under Section 54 of the Act.

The responsible authority must not require notice of an application to be given or decide an application until it is satisfied that the neighbourhood and site description meets the requirements of Clause 54.01 or 55.01 and is satisfactory.

This does not apply if the responsible authority refuses an application under Section 52(1A) of the Act.

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Application requirements

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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 and materials, hours of operation and light spill, solar access and glare.
- The means of maintaining land not required for immediate use.
- If an industry or warehouse:
 - The type and quantity of goods to be stored, processed or produced.
 - Whether a Works Approval or Waste Discharge Licence is required from the Environment Protection Authority.
 - Whether a notification under the Occupational Health and Safety (Major Hazard Facilities) Regulations 2000 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 2012 is exceeded.
 - The likely effects on adjoining land, including air-borne emissions and emissions to land and water.

Buildings 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.

An application to construct or extend an apartment development, or to construct or extend a dwelling in or forming part of an apartment development, must be accompanied by an urban context report and design response as required in Clause 58.01.

34.01-7 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.

34.01-8 Decision guidelines

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

General

- The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- 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.

Subdivision

- Provision for vehicles providing for supplies, waste removal and emergency services and public transport.
- The effect the subdivision will have on the potential of the area to accommodate the uses which will maintain or enhance its competitive strengths.

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 the landscaping of land adjoining a road.
- The storage of rubbish and materials for recycling.
- Defining the responsibility for the maintenance of buildings, landscaping and paved areas.
- Consideration of the overlooking and overshadowing as a result of building or works affecting adjoining land in a General Residential Zone, Neighbourhood Residential Zone, Residential Growth Zone or Township Zone.
- The availability of and connection to services.

- The design of buildings to provide for solar access.
- The objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 54 and Clause 55. This does not apply to an apartment development.
- For an apartment development, the objectives, standards and decision guidelines of Clause 58.

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

34.01-9 Advertising signs

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

Notes:

Refer to the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement, for strategies and policies which may affect the use and development of land.

Check whether an overlay also applies to the land.

Other requirements may also apply. These can be found at Particular Provisions.