

Fact sheet

An overview of how the Minister's extension notice under the Planning Act 2016 that took effect on 8 July 2020 applies to undertaking approved development

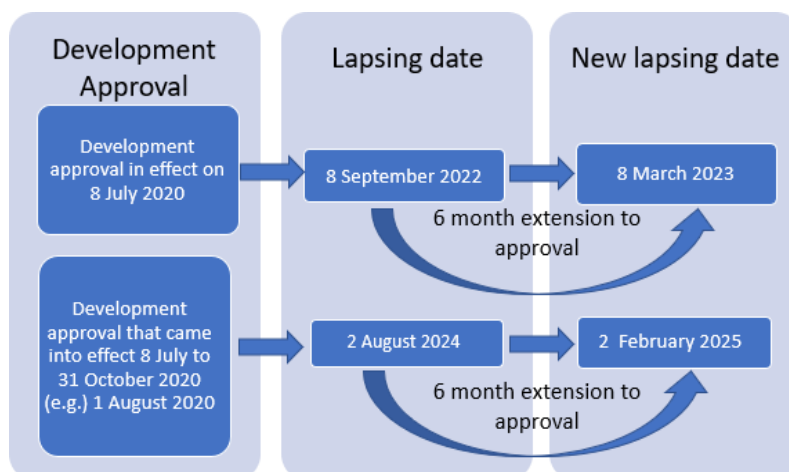
The [COVID-19 applicable event](#) was declared on 20 March 2020 and ended on 30 April 2021. During the applicable event, on 8 July 2020, the Minister for Planning published an extension notice providing additional time for undertaking approved development to assist local governments, businesses, industry and the state government to manage the impacts of COVID-19 on their operations.

The notice applied to the whole of Queensland and ended on 31 October 2020.

Which development approvals received the extension to timeframes?

The extension notice extended the periods stated in the notice by six months. The extension notice applied to development approvals and compliance permits that were either in effect on 8 July 2020, or that came into effect between 8 July 2020 and 31 October 2020. See over page for a copy of the notice.

The extension applies in perpetuity, even though the notice ended on 31 October 2020.



For example:

- ❑ a development approval that would have ordinarily lapsed on 1 October 2020 would not have lapsed until 1 April 2021.
- ❑ a development approval that was in effect on 8 July 2020 and was due to lapse on 8 September 2022, would now not lapse until 8 March 2023.
- ❑ a development approval that came into effect on 1 August 2020 that would have lapsed on 2 August 2024, would now not lapse until 2 February 2025.
- ❑ where an approval was originally due to lapse in September 2020 and an extension application had been approved in May 2019 (prior to the extension notice coming into effect) extending the currency period until 2 September 2022, this would now not lapse until 2 March 2023.
- ❑ where an approval would have lapsed prior to 8 July 2020 but there was an extension application lodged prior to the approval lapsing, the extension notice would apply. Section 87 of the Planning Act outlines how the currency period is affected based on the decision that is given by the assessment manager.

When the extension did not apply

The extension notice did not:

- ❌ revive development approvals that had lapsed before 8 July 2020.
- ❌ apply to development approvals given between 8 July 2020 and 31 October 2020, that only took effect after 31 October 2020.
- ❌ apply in addition to an extension application decision that was given after 8 July 2020 – for example, where an extension application had been approved in September 2020 extending the currency period until 2 September 2022, the lapse date remains unchanged as 2 September 2022.
- ❌ apply to building work approvals to which section 71 of the *Building Act 1975* applies. Section 71 broadly relates to approvals for building work to demolish or remove a building or structure, or rebuild, after removal, a building or structure.

Copy of the 8 July 2020 Ministers extension notice

**EXTENSION NOTICE
MADE UNDER THE PLANNING ACT 2016**

I, the Honourable Cameron Dick MP, Treasurer, Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, notify under section 275R of the *Planning Act 2016*, that I extend by a period of six (6) months:

1. development approval and compliance permit currency periods under section 85, section 299(2) or any other relevant provision of the *Planning Act 2016*; and
2. development approval periods for completion of development referenced in section 88, section 342 or any other relevant provision of the *Planning Act 2016*.

This notice does not apply to building development approvals for building works to which section 71 of the *Building Act 1975* applies.

This notice applies to all of the State of Queensland and has effect from 8 July 2020 to 31 October 2020.



CAMERON DICK MP
Treasurer
Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

Please note: A development approval or compliance permit which benefited from this extension notice may also be further extended by subsequent extension notices. Visit our website to view other extension notices given by the Planning Minister at <https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/legislation/ministers-powers/applicable-events>