

# RMA Planning/Resource Consents

## RURAL ZONE

### Frequently Asked Questions

<b>FAQ</b> Refer to the <b>Nelson Resource Management Plan (NRMP)</b> for rules in full	<b>Rule</b>
<p><b>How close can I build to the boundary?</b></p> <p>Buildings greater than 40m<sup>2</sup> in area or used for residential purposes need to be set back at least 10m from boundaries.</p>	RUr.28
<p><b>Can I build a second house or sleepout?</b></p> <p>You must obtain resource consent for more than one residential unit. A sleepout must not be self-contained and is setback at least 10m from boundaries.</p>	RUr.28
<p><b>What sorts of activities are permitted?</b></p> <p>A commercial or industrial activity up to 300m<sup>2</sup>, the boarding of domestic cats, plantation forestry and the keeping of livestock as long as their feed source is substantially provided from grazing.</p>	RUr.20-22
<p><b>In what way is effluent disposal controlled?</b></p> <p>If it is a new effluent disposal field for a single residential unit on a site of at least 15ha, resource consent may not be required as long as permitted standards (e.g. field setbacks, volume of discharge per day) are met. Other new situations require resource consent.</p> <p>For existing discharges the field must be lawfully established and be maintained adequately to ensure there are no adverse effects on water bodies or adjacent properties.</p>	Appendix 28 FWr.29

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<p><b>Can I take water from a stream?</b></p> <p>Yes if the Council’s reticulated water supply is not available to the site. You can take up to 1m<sup>3</sup> per residential unit per day for domestic use at a rate not exceeding 0.5 litres per second. Water for stock drinking is permitted if the rate does not exceed 0.5 litres per second. You cannot take water below the minimum flow specified in the Plan.</p>	<p>Appendix 28 FWr.12</p>
<p><b>Can I subdivide my Rural zoned land?</b></p> <p>All subdivision and boundary adjustments require resource consent. If minimum standards are met (i.e. each allotment has a net area of at least 3ha in the Lower Density Small Holdings Area or 15ha in most other areas), Council will grant the resource consent subject to conditions to ensure the site has adequate service provisions and is ready for further development.</p>	<p>RUr.78</p>

***This FAQ only mentions some rules. Other rules and exceptions may also be relevant. Do not rely on this FAQ to make decisions about your property.***

Plan changes occur from time to time and this FAQ will be updated to reflect the relevant changes as soon as is practicable. In addition to standards and consents required under the Resource Management Act, the proposed activity may also need building consent, licences and permits under other legislation such as the Building and Health acts.

***Please see the Plan for full details or seek further information from the Council by one of the methods listed below:***

To download relevant parts of the Plan, check zoning maps on the GIS system and download application forms in the Building and Planning section of our website:

[www.nelson.govt.nz](http://www.nelson.govt.nz)

Phone for an appointment with the duty planner: 546 0200

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