

FACT FILE

Dependant Person's Unit

DEFINITION

A dependant person's unit is defined as a "moveable building on the same lot as an existing dwelling and used to provide accommodation for a person dependent on a resident of the existing dwelling." They are also sometimes known as "granny flats".

DO I NEED A PLANNING PERMIT FOR A DEPENDANT PERSON'S UNIT?

The criteria to be met include:

- Is the building moveable from one place to another?
- Will the building be occupied by a dependant person?
A dependant person is a person that is incapacitated by medical, economic or social disadvantage and is dependent on the person in the main dwelling for their accommodation.
- There is no more than one dependent person's unit on the lot and Shire is satisfied that the building is considered a dependent person's unit.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

You must check for other controls before deciding to build a dependant person's unit including:

1. Check your copy of title for relevant covenants or restrictions.
2. Seek advice from Shire regarding the applicable planning controls (Zones and Overlays) which may impact on the development.
3. Apply for a building permit for the construction of the dependent person's unit.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If the above conditions are satisfied a planning permit may not be required. However it is recommended that you contact the Shire's Statutory Planning team on (03) 5950 1010 and speak with a Planning Officer to discuss your specific proposal.