

Factsheet: State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP)

What is SDAP?

The State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) provide assessment benchmarks for the assessment of development applications involving the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA).

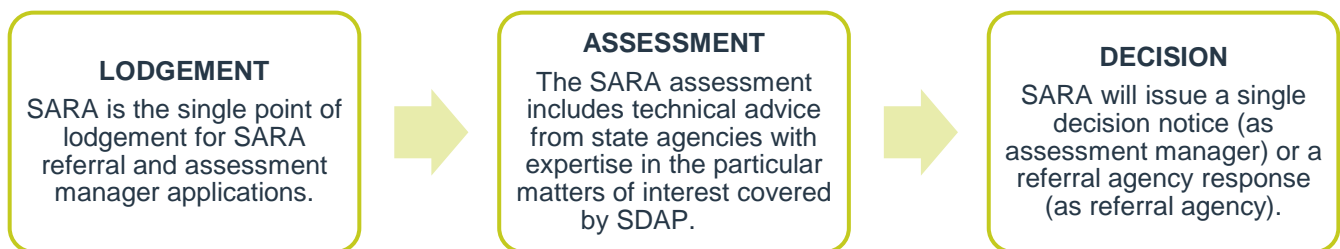
SARA uses SDAP to deliver a coordinated, whole-of-government approach to the state's assessment of development applications.

SDAP provides transparency on what the state assesses by outlining the matters of interest to the state for development assessment.

Who uses SDAP?

The chief executive (through SARA) is the assessment manager or referral agency for development applications where there is a matter of state interest. SARA is the only assessing authority that uses SDAP.

SARA's assessment process



In making a development application to SARA, applicants should respond to the provisions of the applicable state codes in SDAP.

SARA will assess a development application against the provisions in the applicable state codes of SDAP. SARA's assessment involves multiple state agencies who provide technical advice in the matters covered by SDAP.

What is the structure of SDAP?

SDAP contains three distinct parts:

- introductory sections, which includes guidance on how to use SDAP
- state codes, which include the assessment benchmarks which are generally:
 - the purpose statement which identifies the overall intent of the code
 - performance outcomes which set benchmarks to achieve the purpose statement of the code
 - acceptable outcomes which identify one way to achieve the relevant performance outcome (note: a number of codes do not have acceptable outcomes).
- appendices, including FastTrack5 qualifying criteria.

FastTrack5 is a streamlined checklist process that allows some aspects of development to be assessed by SARA in a reduced timeframe, and with a reduced fee.

How do I determine which state codes apply to my application?

Appendix 1 of SDAP assists applicants in determining which of the state codes apply to a development application based on the relevant assessment triggers in the Planning Regulation 2017.

How do I determine which version of SDAP applies to my application?

SDAP is updated as required to align with state government reforms, as well as to clarify certain provisions.

SARA assesses applications against the version of SDAP current at the time the application was properly made by the assessment manager.

SARA keeps superseded versions of SDAP on the [Queensland Planning website](#) for reference.

Further information

SARA has prepared SDAP state code response templates for applicants to use when preparing a response to a state code. These are provided in Word format, and are available on the [Queensland Planning website](#). More information about SARA and SDAP, including electronic copies of the current and superseded versions of SDAP, can be found on the [Queensland Planning website](#).

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