



A shipping container is considered the same as a shed (Class 10a) under Schedule 1, Section 13(2) of the Building Regulation 2021.

If you intend to place a shipping container on your property for more than 30 days, you will need to obtain Building Approval through a Building Certifier (Council or Private).

An exception to this is, if the shipping container is used temporarily on a construction site or when moving residence. Pre-approval from Council will need to be obtained for temporary usage.

Please be aware that the location of Council infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater) in relation to the shipping container may also trigger assessment by Council under the Queensland Development Code MP1.4 - Building over or near relevant infrastructure.

Note: the shipping container is to be located on the block in accordance with the acceptable solutions of the Queensland Development Code or Quilpie Shire Council Planning Scheme.

Building Approval

Building approval is a requirement of the Building Act 1975 and relates to the siting, the secure anchorage and structural integrity of the shipping container.

Application stage

To lodge a building application, you are required to submit a DA Form 2 Building work details through a Building Certifier (Council/Private).

Should you choose to lodge your building application with Council's Building Certifier, the completed DA Form 2 should be accompanied with:

1. Site Plan - Location of existing dwelling/structures. The drawing is to show all dimensions, setbacks to property boundaries and Council infrastructure.
2. Structural details, inclusive of a form 15 Design Certificate (Registered Professional Engineer Queensland) for a footing/slab design suitable to correctly anchor the container, whilst being able to support the combined weight of the container and its contents.
3. Payment of the current lodgment fee.

Should you elect to lodge your building application through a Private Certifier, please contact the Private certifier directly in relation to their requirement for application fees and supporting documentation.

For Further Assistance Contact Quilpie Shire Council



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