



Commonwealth Fact Sheet



AIRPORTS (PROTECTION OF AIRSPACE) REGULATIONS 1996

If your project involves activities within 20km of a leased federal airport, you need to obtain approval for activities that create an obstruction in the airspace.

1. What approvals do I need?

Any activity or obstructions within approximately 20km of a leased federal airport that infringes on its protected airspace requires approval.

These include:

- Permanent structures (eg. buildings)
- Temporary structures (eg. cranes)
- Other activities causing intrusions (eg. air turbulence from stacks or vents).

2. Who provides approvals?

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications regulates the protected airspace around federal airports under the [Airports Act 1996](#) and the [Airports \(Protection of Airspace\) Regulations 1996](#).

3. How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Applications are made directly with the airport operator. Applications should detail the location, height and purpose of the proposed activity.

Airport operators assess applications in consultation with relevant authorities. Approvals for short-term activities (less than three months) are issued by the airport operator.

Approvals for long-term activities (greater than three months) are issued by the Department of

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

Approvals are subject to conditions made in the interest of the safety, efficiency or regularity of existing or future air transport operations.

4. More information

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For more information, visit the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications [website](#) or contact:

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