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GUIDE FOR RETROFITTING RAINWATER TANKS IN CYCLONIC WIND AREAS

1. The installation of a rainwater tank needs approval from your local Council.
2. Rainwater tanks that are not connected to any mains water household appliances only need a Form 1 Development Application Part A and B to be submitted to council.
3. Rainwater tanks that are connected to household appliances need the above form Form 1 Development Application Part A and B
plus:
Application for Compliance Assessment (Plumbing and Drainage) Form 1 and 2 to be submitted to council.
4. Ask your Rainwater Tank supplier or your local Council for these forms.
5. Upon completion of the above forms make sure the following are also attached / included with the original application:
 - a) SITE PLAN
This can be hand drawn. Show the outline of the dwelling/s in relation to the boundaries and street. Show the down pipe locations and tank in relation to the nearest wall.
 - b) TIE-DOWN DETAILS
Ensure that the manufacturer or supplier of the Rainwater Tank has supplied the relevant tie-down detail drawings for your rainwater tank. In most instances this will also include details for a reinforced concrete base or timber stand.
 - c) COUNCILS FEES
Ensure the above forms are submitted to your local Council with the correct fees. Fees for the Cairns Regional Council are as follows:
\$54 For Rainwater tanks that are not plumbed to household appliances.
\$108 Rainwater tanks that are plumbed to household appliances.
6. A federal government rebate may also be available if the rainwater tank is plumbed to return water to household appliances. Please find the details of the rebate and the application form at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/water/programs/nrgi/index.html>
7. After the tank has been installed a Council inspector will contact you to arrange an inspection.

This information is current as at 31st March 2009 and for further information contact your local Council or Rainwater Tank Supplier.

Disclaimer: This guide aims to provide a general understanding of the obligations resulting from regulations. The guide is not a comprehensive statement of the regulations. The regulations referred to are complex and various qualifications may apply to the provisions in different circumstances. You are encouraged to obtain independent advice if you are unsure how the regulations apply in your situation.