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Council takes a risk based approach to assessment

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As part of ongoing improvements, the regulatory arm of Council, Development and Regulatory Services, is moving towards increasing levels of self-assessment for low-risk applications. This means that some applications lodged with Council will not need to be inspected by a Council officer. This makes things more streamlined and efficient for our customers.

While it will help to make assessing applications more efficient, it will mean greater responsibility for customers to provide complete and accurate information to Council and to ensure they meet standard conditions when carrying out work.

To support this approach Council is developing new user-friendly customer information packs and application forms. The packs will contain fact sheets, technical requirements and clear diagrams of required standards.

On 1 April this year Council will apply this approach to the following activities.

- Depositing material and equipment on a footway
- Connecting to a Council stormwater drain
- Constructing or repairing a footpath

Information packs for these permits will be available online at ourbrisbane.com or from any of Council's Customer Service or Regional Business Centres from the beginning of April.

Council will continue to progressively rollout self-assessment for other low risk applications, after further industry consultation.