

Forest practices plan exemptions

Forest practices generally require a forest practices plan. Forest practices include:

- harvesting and regenerating native forest
- harvesting and/or establishing plantations
- clearing forests for other purposes (limited to 40 ha per property per year)
- clearing and converting threatened native vegetation communities
- constructing roads and quarries for the above purposes
- harvesting tree ferns.

No forest practices plan required if you meet one of these exemptions

Small volume and areas

- Harvesting timber or clearing trees with the of the owner's consent, if not vulnerable land or future potential production forest: less than 100 tonnes or one hectare each year (4a)
- Harvesting fewer than six tree ferns each year, with the owner's consent (4f)

Construction or maintenance of infrastructure for public safety

- Clearing a reasonable buffer for existing infrastructure for maintenance or public safety (4b)
- Harvesting timber or clearing trees on any land, or clearing and converting a threatened native vegetation community on any land, for one or more of the following purposes: dam works; gas pipelines; public roads (4d)

Previously cleared and converted land

- Clearing native vegetation regrowth from an area of previously cleared and converted land (4c)
- Establishing trees on land that has not contained trees or a threatened native vegetation community in last five years if no roads or quarries are constructed and the area is less than 10 ha per year (4e)

Clearing regulated under other legislation

- Vegetation management agreements or conservation covenants approved by the FPA (4g)
- Fire management programs recognised by the FPA (4h)
- Construction or maintenance of electricity infrastructure if in accordance with an environmental system endorsed by the FPA (4l)
- Mining or mineral exploration (4i)
- Buildings or associated developments (4j)
- Railways (4k)

Check the Forest Practices Regulations for details

<https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sr-2017-021#GS4@EN>