



Construction Noise Rules Relaxation



Transition to COVID19 Level 3 Alert

- The Auckland Council is temporarily relaxing the rules around construction noise in the region until 29 May 2020.
- This rule relaxation is to assist construction sites to transition into Alert Level 3. Construction can recommence once we move to level 3 on 28th April and will need to include the additional precautions like physical distancing.
- These new COVID-19 rules will cause issues particularly with sites where different trades usually work side by side. One recommended solution is split/alternating shifts of these trades.
- The initial relaxation will only be for one month, ending 29 May 2020. At this time Council will review this decision
- There will be a three-tiered approach to this. Approval is required from the Council to operate under Tiers 2 and 3. Application requirements are described on the next page.
- Sites should schedule only quieter work outside the standard construction hours. It is best to screen noisy equipment like power tools by operating these inside buildings where possible.
- Talking to your neighbours and letting them know what hours your site will be working, and who they can call on site if the noise is too much, can help reduce frustrations on both sides of the fence.
- Noise control will be operating, and all sites will need to manage noise to ensure it isn't excessive. An Excessive Noise Direction will require the site to remain quiet for 72 hours.
- Council reserves the right to review, and amend, any extended hours approvals if non-compliance is found.

Standard Construction Hours (Green)

Construction can take place during these hours.

- Mon to Sat – 7.30am – 6pm

Tier 1 (Yellow)

In addition to the above, the below additional construction hours are available for all developments where the relevant construction noise limits are expected to be met.

No submission of information to Council is required.

- Monday to Friday - 6pm to 8pm
- Saturday no additional hours
- Sunday - 9am to 4pm

Tier 2 (Amber)

In addition to tier 1, the following can be available if a basic level of information is provided to support the request. (See over for information required)

- Monday to Friday - 6.30am to 7.30am
- Saturday no additional hours
- Sunday - 7.30am to 6pm
- Non noisy internal works from 6.30am to 10pm Monday to Sunday

Tier 3 (Red)

Any requests that do not meet tier 1 or 2 (for instance working 24/7)

These requests will need to be supported by a detailed Construction Management Plan describing how the site will manage the potential effects of extended working hours. (See over for information required)

Information Requirements:

Information should be submitted to your Compliance Monitoring Officer or monitoring@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for approval

Tier 1:

No information required.

Tier 2:

A basic level of information will need to be provided including

- What type of work is proposed to be undertaken during this time?
- What measures are proposed to manage noise?
- How deliveries will be managed?
- Notification of the surrounding community
- Contact details of Project Manager
- Length of time the extended work hours are required for

Tier 3:

A detailed Construction Management Plan describing how the site will manage the potential effects of extended working hours including

- What type of work is proposed to be undertaken during this time?
- Detailed noise mitigation measures and predicted noise levels.
- How deliveries will be managed?
- Notification of the surrounding community
- How light spill will be managed
- Contact details of Project or Site Manager (someone available 24/7)
- Expectations for contractors who arrive after hours (parking, behaviour, entry/ exit points etc.)
- Length of time the extended work hours are required for

Maximum noise levels and tiered approach:

Time of week	Time Period	Maximum noise level (dBA)	
		Leq	Lmax
Weekdays	6:30am - 7:30am	60	75
	7:30am - 6:00pm	75	90
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	70	85
	8:00pm - 6:30am	45	75
Saturdays	6:30am - 7:30am	45	75
	7:30am - 6:00pm	75	90
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	45	75
	8:00pm - 6:30am	45	75
Sundays and public holidays	6:30am - 7:30am	45	75
	7:30am - 9:00am	55	85
	9:00am - 4:00pm	55	85
	4:00pm - 6:00pm	55	85
	6:00pm - 8:00pm	45	75
	8:00pm - 6:30am	45	75

Key:

Standard hours: Green

Tier 1: Yellow

Tier 2: Amber

Tier 3: Red