



Driveways and vehicular crossings

In order to effectively regulate driveways and vehicular crossings so that driveway grades and levels match the City of Gold Coast (City) standards, the assessment and approval process for vehicular crossings changed under City Plan. Standard vehicular crossings are accepted development subject to requirements while non-standard vehicle crossings are code assessable. The regulation of driveways and vehicular crossings assist our city by ensuring:

- a safe and accessible footpath environment
- safe and unobstructed vehicular access to property
- no impact on our stormwater drainage system
- no damage to vehicle or road infrastructure
- minimal loss of on-street parking spaces; and
- continued amenity of the neighbourhood.

City Plan only regulates vehicular crossings which access local (City controlled) roads.

What is the difference between a driveway and a vehicular crossing?

The City Plan provides separate definitions for a driveway and a vehicular crossing.

A driveway is the path (within your private property) linking the street to your home or garage. A vehicular crossing is the path (outside of your private property) which links the driveway to your street.

This is illustrated in the figure below:



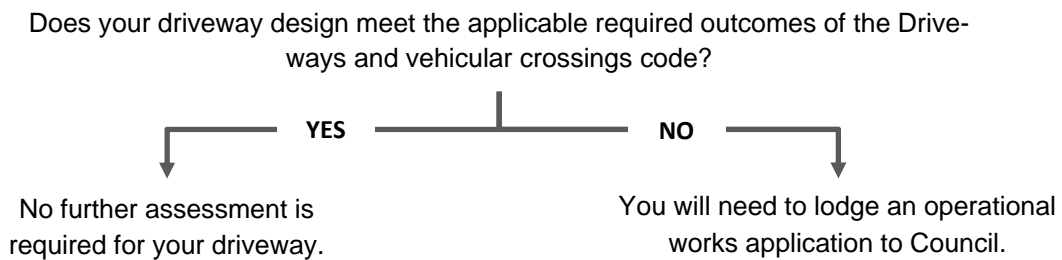
Figure 1: Conceptual illustration showing driveway and vehicular crossings location in relation to property boundaries and the road.



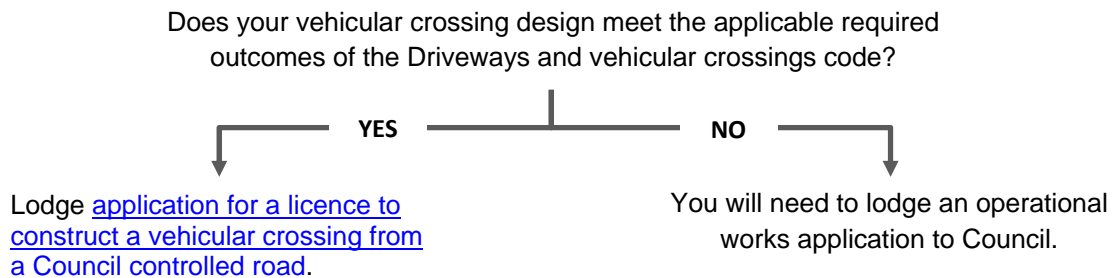
How do I get approval for my driveway and/or vehicular crossing?

To find out what approval/s you need from Council for your driveway and/or vehicular crossing follow the diagrams below:

For a driveway



For a vehicular crossing



NOTE: The above process only applies to vehicular crossings which access local (Council controlled) roads. For access to State-controlled roads, refer to Department of Transport and Main Road for further information.

Where a driveway and/or vehicular crossing is considered to meet the relevant required outcomes, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure compliance. Failure to do so will mean the works are unauthorised which may result in penalties under the *Planning Act 2016* or the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Relevant Information

- City Plan – Part 9.4.2 Driveways and vehicular crossings code
- Application for a licence to construct a vehicular crossing from a Council controlled road.

For any further information, please contact the City of Gold Coast Development Compliance on 5582 8184