

# Home Based Businesses



## Can a business be operated from a residential property?

Council is often approached with proposals to undertake business activities from the premises in which the applicant resides. The Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 allows such activities to be undertaken provided that the guidelines that define a Home Activity are strictly adhered to.

### A Home Activity is a use of residential property:

- which does not affect users of surrounding properties
- that involves no more than one person who does not live on the property
- that does not exceed a floor area of 30 square metres
- that places no greater demand on public utilities than other homes in the locality
- where no goods are displayed on or around the property
- which does not involve a vehicle exceeding 3 tonne tare in weight

## What type of activity is considered to detrimentally affect the amenity of the locality?

### Those that:

- create repeated, prolonged or loud noise
- increase traffic to the street with delivery vehicles or customer car parking
- produce smoke, smells, fumes, dust etc and
- operate outside normal working hours

## Activities involving Food

If you intend to establish a home business which involves the preparation, transportation or storage of food for sale you will be required to seek a separate approval from the Council's Environmental Health Division, the Eastern Health Authority, 101 Payneham Rd, St Peters SA 5069  
Email: [eha@eha.sa.gov.au](mailto:eha@eha.sa.gov.au) Phone: (08) 8132 3600 Website: [www.eha.sa.gov.au](http://www.eha.sa.gov.au)

## Signage

The use of signs should ensure the character and amenity of locality is maintained, and should be no more than the following:

- maximum area 0.2 metres<sup>2</sup>
- maximum of two signs
- the sign must only display the name, nature of the business, contact details and the trading hours

### Further Information:

This information provided is intended as a guide only. Further clarification of these matters can be obtained by contacting Council's Duty Planner on 8366 9301.

It is also recommended to check with other authorities such as Consumer and Business Services on 131 882 for non-Council requirements that may need to be met.