# About this form

Use this form to apply for an exemption under section 459 of the *Environment Protection Act 2017 (the Act)* from the requirement to provide a certificate of conformity from an accredited body for an on-site wastewater treatment plant that is a sand filter (sand filter treatment plant).

This form must be submitted to your local council as part of a permit application for an A20—on-site wastewater management system that includes a sand filter treatment plant where it is impractical to obtain a certificate of conformity for that plant.

The proposed sand filter treatment plant must otherwise comply with Appendix G: Sand Filters of the Code of practice – onsite wastewater management (EPA Publication 891.4\* July 2016) (referred to in this form as ‘Appendix G of the Code of Practice’).

Upon receipt of your permit application for an A20—On-site wastewater management system, your local council will submit this form and all attachments to: [permissions@epa.vic.gov.au](mailto:permissions@epa.vic.gov.au).

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) will have 15 days to assess this application for an exemption. If EPA grants the exemption, your local council will have 42 days to assess your permit application.

Applicant to complete section A to C.

# Section A: Applicant details

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| Company or business name  (if applicable) | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| ABN or ACN  (if applicable) | ABN | Click or tap here to enter text. | ACN | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| First name | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Last name | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Contact number | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Email | Click or tap here to enter text. | | | |
| Address of proposed onsite waste water treatment system | | | | |
| Click or tap here to enter text. | | | | |

# Section B: Application details

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| 1. Application for an exemption from regulation 26(2)(c)(i) or 32(2)(c)(i) of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 |
| *Environment Protection Regulations 2021*, regulation 26(2)(c)(i) or 32(2)(c)(i) - provide copy of a certificate, issued by a body accredited under the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (or any other accreditation body approved by the Authority), confirming that the proposed on-site wastewater treatment plant meets the appropriate standard. |
| It is not practicable for the proposed sand filter treatment plant to be accredited as confirming to the appropriate standard as defined in regulation 4 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021*.* |
| The proposed sand filter treatment plant complies with Appendix G of the Code of Practice. |

# Section C: Supporting evidence

* Attach detailed plans, specifications and information that demonstrate:
  + it is impractical to obtain the conformity certificate for the proposed sand filter treatment plant.
  + the proposed sand filter treatment plant complies with Appendix G of the Code   
    of Practice.
* Only attach material pertinent to the application.
* Ensure all commercially confidential material is marked as such in the document itself.
* Insert extra rows, as required, by clicking on the ‘+’ button that appears on the right-hand side of the table when you select the final row.

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| Attachment name | Commercial in confidence? |
| Click or tap here to enter text. |  |
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# Council confirmation of suitability for exemption – For council use only

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| Council name | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Officer | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Contact information | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| The proposed on-site wastewater treatment plant is a sand filter treatment plant suitable for consideration for an exemption from regulation 26(2)(c)(i) or 32(2)(c)(i). | |
| Council comments (if any): Click or tap here to enter text. | |

# Section D: EPA decision – For EPA use only

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| EPA reference | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Assessment | |
| it is not practicable for the proposed sand filter treatment plant to be accredited as conforming to the appropriate standard as specified in regulation 4 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021.  It is practicable for the applicant to obtain a certificate of conformity for the proposed sand filter treatment plant. | |
| The proposed on-site wastewater treatment plant is a sand filter treatment plant whose design and intended operation:  will not, subject to the conditions of this exemption, pose a serious risk of harm to human health or the environment.  may pose a serious risk of harm to human health or the environment. | |
| Decision to grant or refuse the application for an exemption | |
| In accordance with section 459(2) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017,* the Authority grants the application for an exemption subject to the conditions set out below.  The application for an exemption is refused for the reasons set out below.  The application for an exemption is refused in accordance with section 459(5) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017,* as it would be more appropriate for an application for an exemption to be made under another provision of the Act or regulations. | |
| Conditions:   1. The proposed sand filter treatment plant is assessed by a council to comply with Appendix G: Sand Filters of the Code of practice – onsite wastewater management (EPA Publication 891.4\* July 2016). 2. This exemption has no effect unless the conditions to which it is subject are complied with. 3. Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Comments or reasons for refusal:   1. Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Assessing officer | [title]  00/00/2021 |
| Delegate | Manager- Development Assessments  00/00/2021 |
| Fee wavier | The Authority is satisfied that in all the circumstances it is reasonable to waive the prescribed fee for this application for exemption from a provision of the regulations  Manager – Development Assessments  00/00/2021 |

# Section E: Council Assessment – For council use only\*

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| Council name | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Reviewing officer | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Contact number | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Email | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| Council review of evidence in support of application | |
| The proposed on-site wastewater treatment plant is a sand filter treatment plant which:  **complies** with Appendix G of the Code of Practice;  **does not comply** with Appendix G of the Code of Practice; | |
| Council conditions: Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| Comments: Click or tap here to enter text. | |

\*Council may prefer to use their own forms or system to document their assessment of the proposed sand filter treatment plant against the Code of Practice.

The personal information included in this form and any correspondence, notice or other document issued after processing of this information will be stored and used by EPA for the purpose of administering the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (the Act)and the Environment Protection Regulations 2021(the Regulations). You may access this information by contacting EPA’s Privacy Information Officer. This information may be disclosed to another Government organisation, tribunal or court, where required for administering or enforcing the Act or the Regulations or any other relevant laws.

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