

Operations update during COVID-19 restrictions: Stage 4 restrictions update

COVID-19 and Stage 4 restrictions

The Building Appeals Board (**'the Board'**) remains fully operational despite the recent introduction of Stage 4 restrictions in response to COVID-19.

As noted in the Information Bulletin released in May, since the introduction of the government restrictions in response to COVID-19, the Board has continued to deliver on its mandate to expeditiously progress proceedings by rapidly transitioning to e-hearings and the provision of registry services remotely. This includes the provision of electronic filing of all documents filed with the Board.

As such, it is not anticipated that Stage 4 restrictions will impact on registry services or hearings.

Since early March 2020, all hearings and mediations are being conducted either through the Zoom © audio-conferencing platform or 'on the papers' if appropriate.

Practitioners and parties to proceedings before the Board should familiarise themselves with *Practice Note 6 of 2020 (PN6) – General procedure for conducting electronic hearings (e-hearings)*. This can be accessed via the link provided below.

[Practice Note 6 of 2020 - General procedure for conducting e-hearings](#)

For more information on the Board and its jurisdiction you can visit its website at www.buildingappeals.vic.gov.au where you can also access LiveChat with a registry officer for general enquiries or send an email to registry@buildingappeals.vic.gov.au.