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VC280**GREAT DESIGN FAST TRACK****Purpose**

To facilitate innovative dwelling, apartment and mixed-use residential development.

To facilitate development that increases the density and diversity of dwellings to respond to Victoria's population growth.

To facilitate the development of dwellings with convenient access to public transport, and community, retail and other services.

To facilitate development that is of a high quality in its design, liveability and sustainability.

53.25-116/06/2026
VC312**Application**

The provisions of this clause prevail over any inconsistent provision in this planning scheme.

This clause applies to an application under any provision of this planning scheme for the development of land, or the use and development of land, (other than the subdivision of land), if all of the following are met:

- The applicant submits written confirmation that the application is an application to which this clause applies.
- The application includes the construction of at least eight dwellings.
- Any proposed building contains at least two storeys and not more than eight storeys.
- The proposed development achieves a minimum NatHERS rating of:
 - 8.0 stars average, with no individual dwelling less than 6.5 stars for apartment developments.
 - 7.5 stars for all other dwellings.
- Each proposed dwelling provides effective natural ventilation, which includes cross ventilation, single sided ventilation or mechanically assisted ventilation.
- The Minister for Planning has advised in writing that they are satisfied the proposed use or development of land for accommodation (other than camping and caravan park, group accommodation, residential hotel and small second dwelling) is of significance having regard to:
 - The purpose of clause 53.25.
 - Whether the quality of the design, liveability and sustainability of the proposed development meets the design principles published by the Minister for Planning on the Department's Internet site for the purposes of clause 53.25 ('the design principles').
 - The location of the proposed development and whether it has convenient access to jobs, services, infrastructure and community facilities.
- Information demonstrating that the proposed development meets the design principles is provided to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning. This must include written advice from the Office of the Victorian Government Architect to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.
- Information demonstrating the likely feasibility of the proposed development is provided to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning. This must include written advice from a Deputy Secretary of the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions or delegate to the satisfaction of the Minister for Planning.

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VC280**Planning scheme requirements**

The responsible authority may waive or vary any of the following in relation to an application or a proposed use or development:

- A minimum garden area requirement.
- Any building height or setback requirement.
- A condition opposite a use in Section 2 in a zone or a schedule to a zone.

A decision to waive or vary any of the matters above does not apply:

- where it would be inconsistent with an approved Statement of Planning Policy for a declared area; or
- to a requirement in clauses 45.07, 45.08 or 51.03, or in any schedule to those clauses.

The responsible authority may waive or vary any of the requirements of clauses 45.09, 52.06 and 52.34 of this planning scheme in relation to an application or a proposed use or development.

An application is exempt from an application requirement in this planning scheme if in the opinion of the responsible authority the requirement is not relevant to the assessment of the application.

Clauses 52.20, 53.20, 53.23 and 53.24 of this planning scheme do not apply to an application to which this clause applies.

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Application requirements

If the application includes a non-residential use or development, information about the purpose of the use and the types of activities proposed to be carried out must accompany the application, as appropriate.

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Exemption from review

An application under any provision of this planning scheme is exempt from the decision requirements of sections 64(1), (2) and (3), and the review rights of section 82(1) of the Act.

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Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines elsewhere in this planning scheme including in clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The purpose of the clause.
- The views of the Office of the Victorian Government Architect.

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Transitional provision

Clause 53.25 does not apply to:

- An application for a permit lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC280.
- An application for an amendment of a permit under section 72 of the Act if the original permit application was lodged before the approval date of Amendment VC280.