

CANE BURNING NOTIFICATION

COMPLIANCE CHECK LIST

The Cane Burning Notification gives cane growers the authority to burn sugar cane in accordance with the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 without a Permit to Light Fire, provided that all requirements of the Notification are met.

[Click here for info about the Cane Burning Notification.](#)

Growers must comply with *all* requirements of the Notification if they wish to burn cane under the authority of the Notification.

A grower must apply for a Permit to Light Fire if they cannot meet all requirements of the Notification or they believe they are unable to meet all requirements.

[Click here to apply for a Permit to Light Fire.](#)



Compliance check-list

This Information Sheet provides a compliance check-list that summaries requirements for burning under the Notification. Each item in the check-list corresponds to a specific Clause of the Notification.

Growers must be able to answer YES to every item in this check-list for any parcel of cane land they propose to burn under the authority of the Notification.

If the answer to any item in this check-list is NO, or if the grower believes they are unable to comply with any requirement specified in the Notification, the grower must apply for a Permit to Light Fire for each parcel of cane land they propose to burn.

REQUIREMENT	YES	NO
The area to be burned is within a parcel of land used for the production of sugar cane that is subject to a supply contract with a sugar mill (Clause 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The purpose of the fire is to burn sugar cane, or residual tops and trash (Clause 8).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REQUIREMENT	YES	NO
The parcel of cane land on which the fire is to be lit meets at least one of the four cases (1 to 4) listed below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Case 1: The parcel of cane land adjoins other parcels of land used for the production of sugar cane (Clause 12 a i).

Case 2: The parcel of cane land adjoins other parcels of land dedicated as a road that does not include a highway or main road (Clause 12 a ii).

Case 3. The parcel of cane land adjoins a single parcel of land of no greater than 2,000 sq.m. (Clause 12 a iii), provided that this parcel

- is also owned or occupied by the same owner or occupier of the parcel of land to be burned,
- includes no more than two residential dwellings that are separated from the cane to be burnt by an area no less than 10 m wide that is clear of flammable material,
- is surrounded by other parcels of land used for the production of sugar cane or adjoins a road that does not include a highway or main road.

Case 4. The parcel of cane land adjoins parcels of land used for rural purposes other than the production of sugar cane (e.g. grazing, other crop production, horticulture, nature conservation, waterways, or stock routes) (Clause 12 a iv) provided that:

- the cane to be burned is separated from any flammable material, buildings or other property on the adjoining parcel of land by an area no less than 10 m wide that is clear of flammable material,
- the owner or occupier of the adjoining parcel of land has provided written advice that they do not object to the proposed burn.

REQUIREMENT	YES	NO
The parcel of cane land on which the fire is to be lit does not adjoin a parcel of land dedicated as a road that includes a highway or main road (<i>Answer YES if the parcel does not adjoin a highway or main road</i>) (Clause 12 b i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

REQUIREMENT	YES	NO
The parcel of cane land on which the fire is to be lit does not adjoin a parcel of land used for urban purposes or other intensive activities (e.g. residential, rural residential, commercial, industrial, community activities, utilities, airports, railways, mining, quarries, plantation forests or intensive animal production) (Answer YES if the parcel does not adjoin land used for urban purposes or intensive activities) (Clause 12 b ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weather	YES	NO
A Local Fire Ban will not be in place at the time of the proposed burn (Answer YES if a Local Fire Ban will not be in place) (Clause 6).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burning will not to be conducted between 10 AM and 2 PM (Clause 13 a).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burning will not to be conducted if the forecast wind speed exceeds 24 kph (Clause 13 b).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burning will not to be conducted if the wind direction is likely to cause smoke to become a hazard on a local road, main road or highway (Clause 13 c).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Smoke Hazard Signs	YES	NO
Where the area to be burnt adjoins or is within 100 metres of a local road, main road or highway, a sign with the words SMOKE HAZARD in black with a retro-reflective fluorescent yellow background (Clause 14) will be:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> erected to face traffic on all approaches, arranged to be prominently displayed to traffic and command attention: located 160 m to 240 m from the smoke hazard. 		



REQUIREMENT	YES	NO
Other laws		
The proposed burn complies with other legislation, laws, regulations or policies including any Local Law and the Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Clauses 7, 9).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Where the fire to be lit is within 25 metres of a high voltage transmission line, requirements of Powerlink Queensland will be met (Clause 17) as specified at: https://www.powerlink.com.au/reports/burning-sugarcane-near-transmission-lines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Separation	YES	NO
The area of cane to be burned is separated from any flammable material on any adjoining parcel of land by a vehicular access track that is clear of flammable material on the parcel of land where the fire is to be lit (Clause 10).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any residual tops or trash to be burnt will be at least 10 m from any headland or other flammable material (Clause 11).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equipment and persons	YES	NO
The following minimum precautions will be in place while the fire is active (Clause 15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least three (3) persons will be on site who are mentally and physically capable of undertaking firefighting, legally permitted to operate necessary equipment and wearing appropriate clothing; all persons and vehicles on site will have appropriate communications equipment at least one (1) vehicle will be on site that is fitted with a water tank containing sufficient water and with capability to access and extinguish fire; at least one (1) vehicle or equipment capable of creating a bare earth firebreak will be available. 		
Once the fire is no longer active, the perimeter of the burnt area will be patrolled until any residual fire within the burnt area is extinguished (Clause 16).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Further information

Go to the [Web Page for Cane Burning Notification](#) or contact your local Fire Warden or Chief Fire Warden. For contact details please go to: https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/Pages/fw_finder.aspx.