Fact sheet - Application for the Development Consent Authority (DCA)

Become a Specialist Member of the DCA

Do you want to be part of the changing face of the Northern Territory?

Are you passionate about development, the environment, design, architecture and town planning? Applications are now open for a Specialist Members of the DCA to Territorians who want to contribute to decisions about how their town develops.

If you have skills, qualification or experience in town planning or related fields such as engineering, land resource management or architectural design, want to utilise those skills to contribute to your community in a practical and meaningful way, and are committed to the continuing growth and development of the Territory, then this could be the role for you.

DCA Specialist Members play an integral part of the community and joining the DCA has multiple benefits, including involvement in the ongoing development of your community.

There are seven divisions of the DCA – Alice Springs, Batchelor, Darwin, Katherine, Litchfield, Palmerston and Tennant Creek.

Members usually serve a two-year term and are eligible for reappointment. Members are financially remunerated and attend DCA meetings ordinarily every month except for the Darwin division which meets every two weeks. The Bachelor and Tennant Creek divisions meet on an as needs basis (less frequent).

In considering applications, the applicant’s place of residence will be taken into account as well as their demonstrated:

* qualifications or experience in town planning or related fields e.g. architecture, building construction, engineering, environmental studies, land surveying, landscape design, law, property valuation, property development or management, urban design
* community interest
* oral and written communication skills
* ability to make sound and balanced judgements
* knowledge of related subjects
* commitment to continuing growth and development of the Territory consistent with good planning principles
* capacity to attend meetings of the DCA.

Applications close Friday 24 January 2025.

**How to apply**

Apply in writing by completing the registration form, and email or post along with your curriculum vitae (CV) and a supporting statement outlining your suitability for the position to:

Email: [development.consentauthority@nt.gov.au](mailto:development.consentauthority@nt.gov.au)

Post:

The Secretary of the Development Consent Authority, GPO Box 1680, Darwin NT 0801