

Regulation to prevent new fossil fuel gas network connections

Exemption information

The ACT Government has commenced a regulation under the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Act (2010)* to prevent new fossil fuel gas network connections

It is part of a plan to power our city with 100% renewable energy and become a net zero emissions city by 2045.

About the regulation

From 8 December 2023, the regulation places a restriction on the gas distributor (Evoenergy) from providing new gas network connections in the ACT in most circumstances. This means that most buildings, including renovations where a gas connection is abolished to allow construction activities, will need to be built all-electric unless an exemption is granted.

Homes and businesses will not be prevented from using an existing connection.

In what circumstances are exemptions allowed

Exemptions to the regulation can be granted in limited circumstances, including where:

- > there are no feasible alternatives to fossil fuel gas use
- > businesses are unable to establish in a building with an existing connection or an exempt zone
- > there is a broader community benefit in allowing the connection.

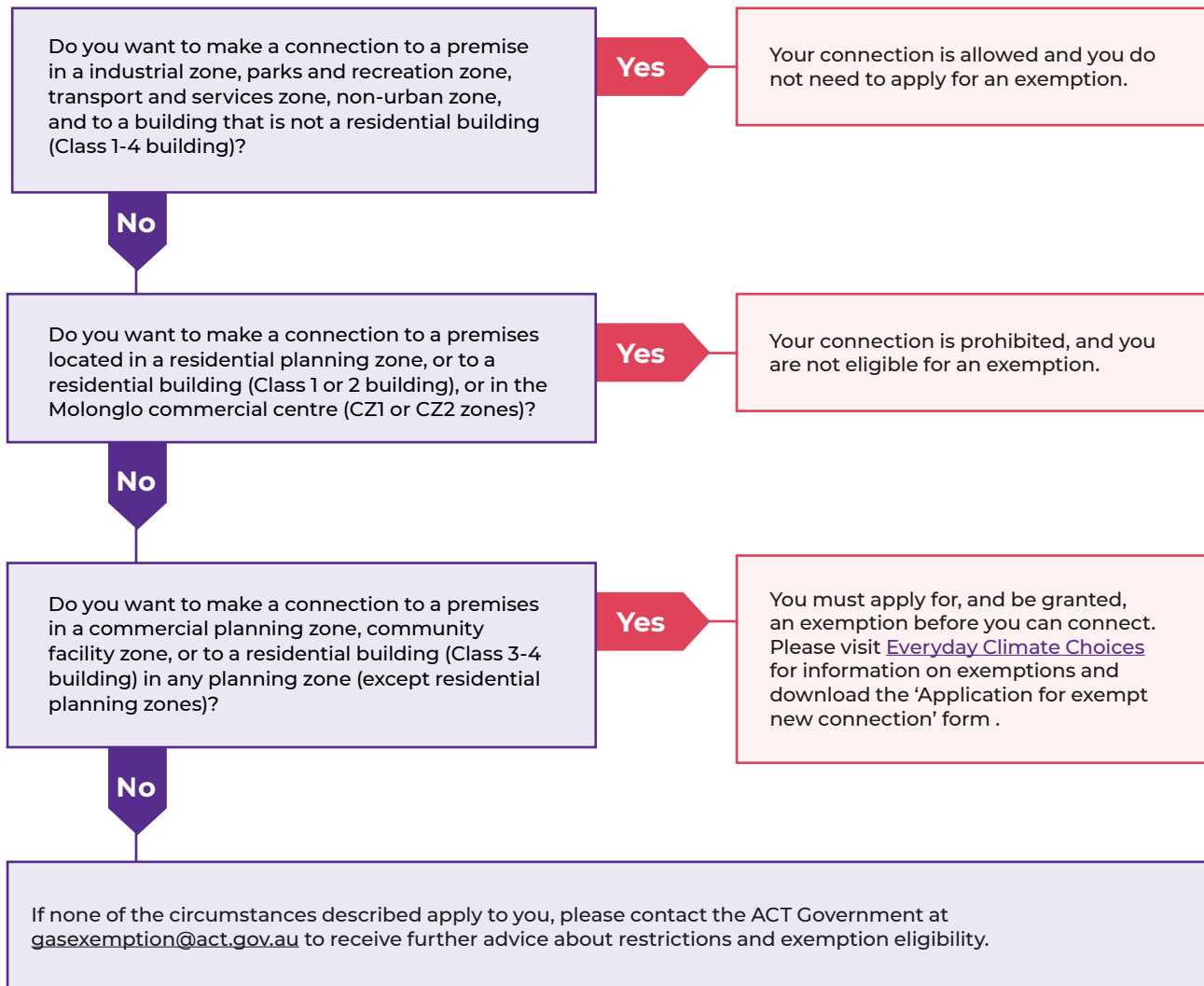
Allowing exemptions helps the government to balance broader community benefits, against network and environmental impacts, that may arise in individual circumstances.

Exemptions are not available to residential blocks or the Molonglo Commercial Centre.

Only property owners may apply for an exemption. If you are leasing a premise, you will need to work with your property manager or owner to complete an exemption application.

Is my project eligible for an exemption?

Before you start this process check if the transition arrangements apply to you. Visit climatechoices.act.gov.au for more information.



Is your premises on '[National Land](#)'? Please contact the National Capital Authority for rules relating to developments on National Land.

Don't know what land-use zone applies to your block?

Find out on the Planning [website](#)



How do I apply for an exemption?

Applications must be made in writing using the 'Application for exempt new gas connection' form.

Upon receiving a completed application, the applicant may receive a request from the ACT Government to provide further information to help assess the application.

The completed form and supporting documentation must be submitted to: gasexemption@act.gov.au

Information on how to apply, the form and required supporting document is available on the [Everyday Climate Choices](https://www.climatechoices.act.gov.au) website.

Why is Canberra electrifying?

Powering our homes, businesses, city infrastructure and transport systems with electricity is the best pathway towards phasing out fossil fuel energy. This is because:

- > the ACT is already powered by 100% renewable electricity
- > the technology and skills to support electrification already exist for homes and most businesses.

Preventing new gas connections and building for all electric now will reduce emissions from fossil fuel gas and make sure our city infrastructure is set up for our future energy needs. It will also save owners from having to complete costly building and appliance upgrades to electrify in future.



Fossil fuel gas accounts for about **20% of emissions** in the ACT, making it the second largest remaining source of emissions, after transport.



More information

To find out more about the regulation, including applying for an exemption, visit climatechoices.act.gov.au

You can also get in touch with us by emailing gastransition@act.gov.au or calling 13 22 81.



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