

nhulunbuy corporation



HOME TRADING POLICY

POLICY – RC06

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1. Purpose

The policy establishes a framework to manage home trading within Nhulunbuy (Special Purposes Lease 214).

It has been developed to ensure that home trading businesses are established and operated in a manner that does not detract from residents' ability to enjoy their homes without being adversely impacted by businesses being conducted at nearby properties.

It is not the purpose of the policy to consider the potential economic viability of any home trading business on existing businesses within Nhulunbuy as it is not the Nhulunbuy Corporation (NC)'s role to direct the feasibility of small business in the town.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all home businesses operating within Nhulunbuy. It does not extend to businesses operating in the Industrial Estate (Special Purposes Lease 250) or to businesses operating out of commercial spaces.

3. Definitions

Amenity means all those factors which combine to form the character of the area to residents and passers-by and shall include the present and likely future amenity.

CEO means Chief Executive Officer of the NC.

Dwelling means a residence and the area around the residence on the same property in a residential area defined by the Lot description. It does not include a flat or a unit where there are more than four units on the property.

Home trading means a small business that is conducted in a dwelling or on the land around a dwelling by a resident of the dwelling and can only operate if it does not adversely affect the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood in which it is located. Home traders include those operating outside of public areas on private land and residences across the lease areas.

NC means the Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited

4. Policy

Trading terms

- 1 Trading is limited to conditions decided by the Nhulunbuy Town Board
- 2 Trading is limited to the time approved, if changes to times are requested (in writing), the operator must wait for written approval.
- 3 Operator not to shout or cause a nuisance through the use of mechanical chimes or amplified music.
- 4 A dwelling may be used for the purpose of home trading where:
 - a. The occupation or profession is carried out only by persons permanently residing in the dwelling.
 - b. The person conducting the home trading must use the dwelling as their principal place of residence.
 - c. The occupation must not adversely affect the amenity of the neighbourhood in any way including:
 - The appearance of any building, works or materials used
 - The parking of motor vehicles
 - The transporting of materials or goods to or from the dwelling
 - The hours of operation
 - Electrical interference
 - The storage of chemicals, gases or other hazardous materials
 - Emissions from the site
 - Excessive noise, and
 - The presence, parking and garaging of a vehicle of more than two tonnes weight.
 - d. The total of the floor area of the dwelling plus the other areas of the site that are used for the home trading (including areas used temporarily) does not exceed 30m². This includes areas used for the storage of any materials or goods.
 - e. The home trading business must not impose a load on any utility (power, gas, water, waste-water treatment and/or disposal) greater than normally required for domestic use.
 - f. The days and hours of operation for a home business shall generally be limited to the following:
 - i. 8am to 6pm - Monday to Friday
 - ii. 9am to 5pm - Saturday.

When determining an application, the number of hours and/or days of operation may be increased or further restricted through conditions where it is deemed necessary to protect the amenity of the surrounding area.

- g. Only one commercial vehicle registered to a resident of the dwelling may be present at any time. The vehicle, which may include a commercial goods vehicle, commercial passenger vehicle, or a tow truck, shall not exceed two tonnes capacity, and may have a trailer. The vehicle must not be fuelled or repaired on the site.
- h. No motor vehicle may be serviced or repaired for gain. Motor vehicle repairs, spray painting, panel beating etc. are not considered to be within the scope of home trading and should be located in the Industrial Estate.
- i. The home trading business is ancillary to the primary use of the dwelling for residential purposes and is consistent with the terms of the sub-lease over the property and/or the terms of Special Purposes Lease 214 (Nhulunbuy).
- j. NC approval is required prior to any structural changes, alterations, additions or new structures required for the home trading business. This is obtained through the NC's Building/Development Application process.
- k. All home trading businesses must be undertaken in compliance with all relevant legislative requirements. It is the home trading business owner's responsibility to identify these requirements and ensure compliance. Legislative requirements may include (but are not limited to) regulation of taxation, health, hygiene, fire safety, building and structural safety, occupational health and safety.
- l. All home trading businesses must comply with all relevant insurance requirements (particularly, professional indemnity and public liability). Home trading business owners must agree to indemnify and release RioTinto Gove Operations and the NC from any potential liability that RioTinto Gove Operations and the NC may incur as a result of the home trading business.
- m. If a business is registered to a residential address for taxation purposes and business activities are conducted either at that property or at other non-public sites throughout Nhulunbuy (ie. other residences), that dwelling is still considered to be used for home trading purposes and the business owner must adhere to this policy.

5. Process

An application for a permit to set up a home trading business must consist of:

- A fully completed Application Form FRM RC06
- A plan (to scale) of the property and buildings within the property
- A plan (to scale) of the floor area to be used for home trading
- A letter of approval for the home trading business from the property owner (if not the applicant)
- A completed business plan
- Payment of a fee in accordance with the NC's Schedule of Fees and Charges
- Confirmation of the duration of intended trade, including:
 - Hours per day
 - Days per week
 - Anticipated number of days per year (include specific dates if known)

- Human Services (Beauty or Therapeutic) and Food Service home traders require relevant registration certificates and licences.

Acceptable Home Trading businesses

Not all home trading businesses are compatible within the residential neighbourhood.

Unacceptable home trading includes, but is not limited to:

- Industry
- Hobby or shop
- Warehouse
- Transport depot
- Sexual services of any kind
- Illegal activities of any kind.

Acceptable home trading businesses may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Professional services: real estate, engineering, surveying, planning, architecture, valuation, secretarial, legal, finance, photography, security, travel
- Human services: beauty, therapeutic
- Trades: builder, plumber, electricians, mobile hairdressing
- Goods and services: food, commercial goods
- Tourism: fishing charters, 4WD and adventure tours

6. Permit fee

The NC will not issue a home trading permit until it has received payment of the appropriate permit fee as determined by the Corporation. Fees shall be charged in line with the NC's Schedule of Fees and Charges. The first year will be inclusive of the application and permit fee, with each year after requiring the permit fee to be paid in accordance with our fees & charges.

7. Approval

The NC will provide details of any applications to the Nhulunbuy Town Board for consideration and recommendation.

The CEO is delegated the authority to give final approve applications which are recommended for approval by the Town Board and meet the requirements of this policy.

A letter of approval and home trading permit will be provided to each home trading business owner if successful with their application. This must be kept with the home trading business owner during their business operations and produced on request by the NC.

The NC maintains a register of all approved and current home trading businesses. These can be found on the NC's website.

8. Renewal of permit

Home trading permits are valid for one year (12 months) from the date of approval. At the end of the 12-month approval period, home traders are required to re-register with the NC otherwise the approval and permit will lapse. A permit fee in accordance with NC fees and charges will be required to be paid each year of operation.


A renewed permit will not be provided until re registration has occurred. If there are no changes to the application or permit conditions from the preceding permit, the application will not be required to be provided to the Town Board for consideration.

9. Non-compliance

If the NC becomes aware of a home trading business which is operating contrary to this policy or an approved application, the application may be revoked and/or the matter referred to Rio Tinto as Nhulunbuy's Head Lease holder for enforcement action.

10. Review process

This policy will be reviewed two years from the date of adoption.

Date 10 May 2021	Director (Name) Sophie Szytkarski	Signature 
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