



Government of the Cook Islands INFRASTRUCTURE COOK ISLANDS

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NOTES FOR APPLICANTS FOR ROAD EXCAVATION PERMITS

1. Applicants must organise a site visit for ICI. The dimensions of the trench will be determined at the site visit.
 - All underground utilities must be marked by the utility providers prior to the site visit.
 - If a private sector supplier will be providing the trenching service, the contractor must be present.
 - Advise ICI of the date and time when the above points have been confirmed, two days in advance of the scheduled site visit.
2. Authorised service providers for trenching and backfilling services are:
 - Vodafone Cook Islands
 - T&M Heather
 - Raro Plumbing Contractor
3. Applicants will be notified when the permit is approved and ready for collection. The permit will be issued upon payment of the cost of the work. The permit will also be issued to the service supplier.
4. The activity may require a permit or guidance from the National Environment Service if it is for a new road construction, on sloping land or is streamside. You will be advised when issued the permit.
5. If you are paying via bank transfer, please see bank details below. You will be informed of your permit number for the reference if it is approved.

Bank Name: Bank of the South Pacific (BSP)

Account Name: CIG-Min of Infra & Planning

Account No: 2000216537

Reference: Permit Number followed by your name. E.g. A-2516/20, Company Name

6. Please email proof of the bank transfer payment to ici.finance@cookislands.gov.ck and note 'ATTENTION: Opex officer' in the subject line.

Rules

1. No road shall be cut/dug without the approval of the Secretary of Infrastructure Cook Islands.
2. Unpermitted road excavation is illegal under the Infrastructure Act 2019.
3. Excavated soil must not be used to backfill the trench. Backfill must be base course with white sand to fill and compact. See the ICI's Code of Practice at <https://ici.gov.ck/publications/>. The specifications will be sent to your chosen contractor if you choose a private sector provider.
4. Should a contractor undertake the works and not comply with the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and ICI's Code of Practice, an additional reinstatement fee of \$850 per m² shall be charged to the applicant and the reinstatement carried out again by ICI.

Cost Structure

The cost to undertake road cutting, trenching, backfilling and then reinstating the pavement is a high cost exercise. The smaller the area to cut, the higher the cost per square metre or cubic metre. This is largely due to the cost of mobilisation of personnel, setting up and packing up rather than the cost of the actual work itself. To come to the rate in this form requires three visits by the reinstatement crew during deployment.