

This Practice Guideline is issued by the State Planning Commission (the Commission) under section 43 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act).

Introduction

Section 43(1) of the Act allows the Commission, with the approval of the Minister responsible for administering the Act, to make practice guidelines with respect to the interpretation, use or application of the Planning Rules or the Building Rules (as those terms are defined under the Act).

Practice Guideline

Part 1 – Preliminary

1 – Citation

This Practice Guideline may be cited as Practice Guideline 2 – Place of Worship.

2 – Commencement of operation

This Practice Guideline will come into operation on the day on which it is published on the SA Planning Portal.

3 – Object of Practice Guideline

The object of this Practice Guideline is to clarify activities associated with a ‘place of worship’ land use as defined within the Planning and Design Code.

4 – Interpretation

Act means the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

Code means the Planning and Design Code.

Commission means State Planning Commission.

Regulations means the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017*.

Note: Section 12 of the *Legislation Interpretation Act 2021* provides that an expression used in an instrument made under an Act has, unless the contrary intention appears, the same meaning as in the Act under which the instrument was made.

Part 2 – Place of worship

5 – Background

The Land Use Definitions Table in Part 7 of the Code identifies that *'Place of worship'*:

Means premises used by an organised group for worship and religious activities.

The use may include facilities for social, educational and charitable activities associated with the congregation.

A place of worship includes a chapel, church, mosque, synagogue and temple, but excludes a funeral parlour.

6 – Social, educational and charitable activities

For the purposes of the definition of *'Place of worship'* in the Code, *'social, educational and charitable activities associated with the congregation'* includes the following:

- the place of worship being used as accommodation, which may or may not include the provision of meals, up to two nights a week for no more than 13 weeks per year for homeless people.

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Note: This Practice Guideline commences operation in accordance with 'Part 2 – Commencement of operation'.

Versions

Version 1: Commenced operation on 12 July 2024.