Ministry for the Environment
Manatū Mō Te Taiao

RESOURCE CONSENT PROCESS FOR NON-NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS

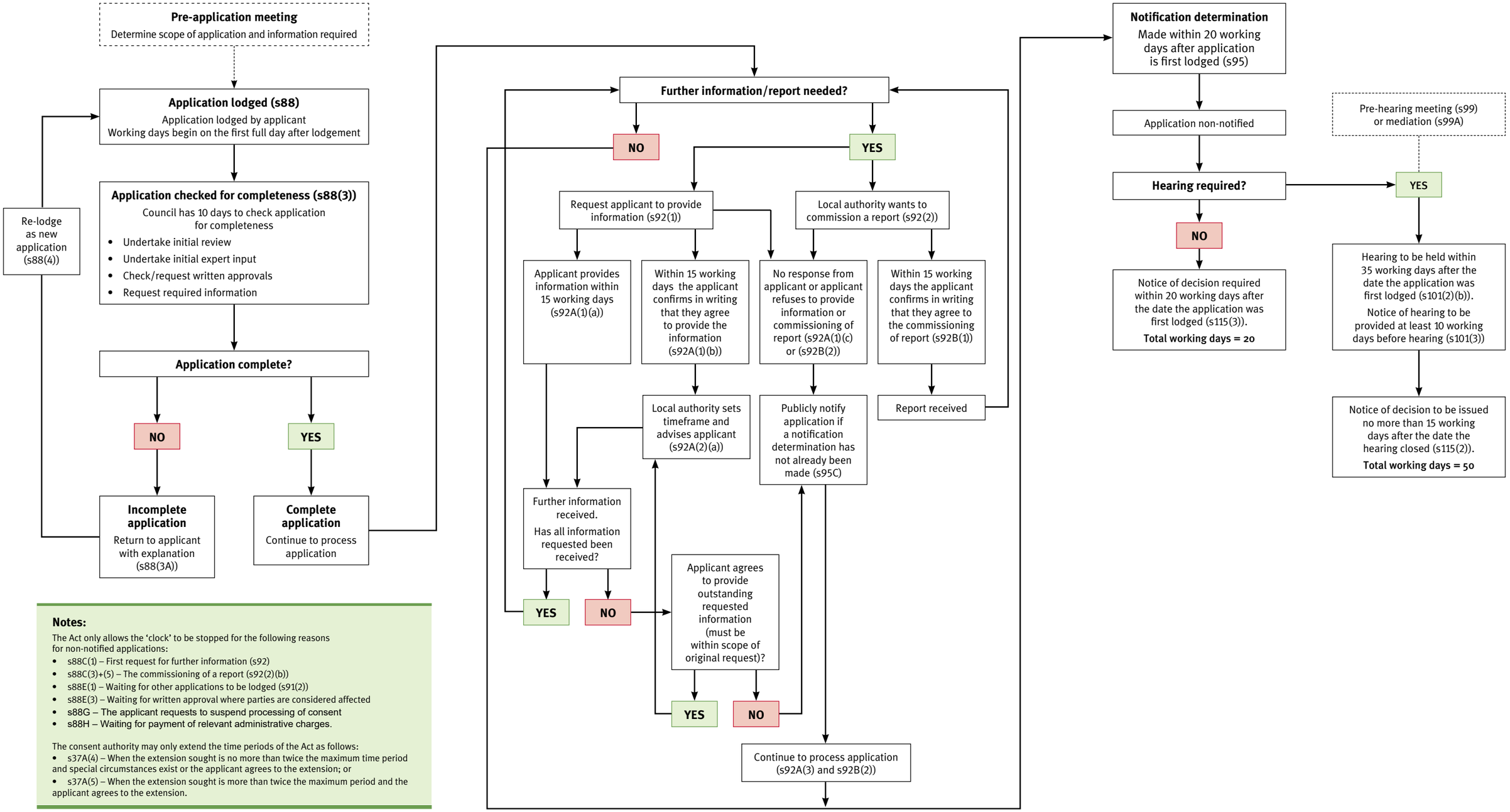
1. APPLICATION LODGEMENT AND COMPLETENESS ASSESSMENT

Section 88 allows the local authority to check the application for completeness, before accepting it for processing.

2. FURTHER INFORMATION

3. NON-NOTIFIED APPLICATIONS

Non-notified resource consents involve two decision paths – those that require hearings and those that do not. The timeframe for processing a non-notified application without a hearing is 20 working days and with a hearing is 50 working days



Notes:

The Act only allows the 'clock' to be stopped for the following reasons for non-notified applications:

- s88C(1) – First request for further information (s92)
- s88C(3)+(5) – The commissioning of a report (s92(2)(b))
- s88E(1) – Waiting for other applications to be lodged (s91(2))
- s88E(3) – Waiting for written approval where parties are considered affected
- s88G – The applicant requests to suspend processing of consent
- s88H – Waiting for payment of relevant administrative charges.

The consent authority may only extend the time periods of the Act as follows:

- s37A(4) – When the extension sought is no more than twice the maximum time period and special circumstances exist or the applicant agrees to the extension; or
- s37A(5) – When the extension sought is more than twice the maximum period and the applicant agrees to the extension.

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