



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry**



This Quick Reference Guide supports the **State Specific Guideline** for **Queensland** (the Queensland Guideline). These documents may be used by processors of raw logs from Queensland to facilitate their due diligence process in accordance with the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012* and the *Illegal Logging Prohibition Regulation 2012*.

Timber harvesting regulation in Queensland

In Queensland, timber harvesting laws are largely based on land tenure and may come under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Forestry Act) for timber from public land and private land where timber is reserved to the State, the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* (Vegetation Management Act) for timber from private land, and the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (Nature Conservation Act) for harvesting of protected plants.

Public land

The state can authorise the harvesting of state-owned native forest timber under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Forestry Act) in the form of a sales permit. The state also charges processors for the value (royalty) of logs removed under the authority of the applicable sales permit and issues a tax invoice.

Plantations are managed, grown and harvested by HQPlantations who sell plantation timber to processors under a *commercial supply agreement*. HQPlantations also charges processors for the value of logs removed under the commercial supply agreement and issues a tax invoice.

Private land

Private native timber harvesting of regulated vegetation is subject to the provisions of the Vegetation Management Act. Regulated vegetation are category B areas (remnant vegetation) and category C areas (high value regrowth) shown on the regulated vegetation management map. Landholders intending to harvest native timber in regulated vegetation must comply with the practices in managing a native forest practice accepted development vegetation clearing code. Before harvesting commences, land owners or third parties (with land owner consent) must notify the Department of Resources of their intention to operate under the code. Notifications can be made online at the Department of Resources website or via hard copy form. The operational arrangements and commercial transaction processes are not specifically regulated but are subject to commercial laws and as such there should be a tax invoice.

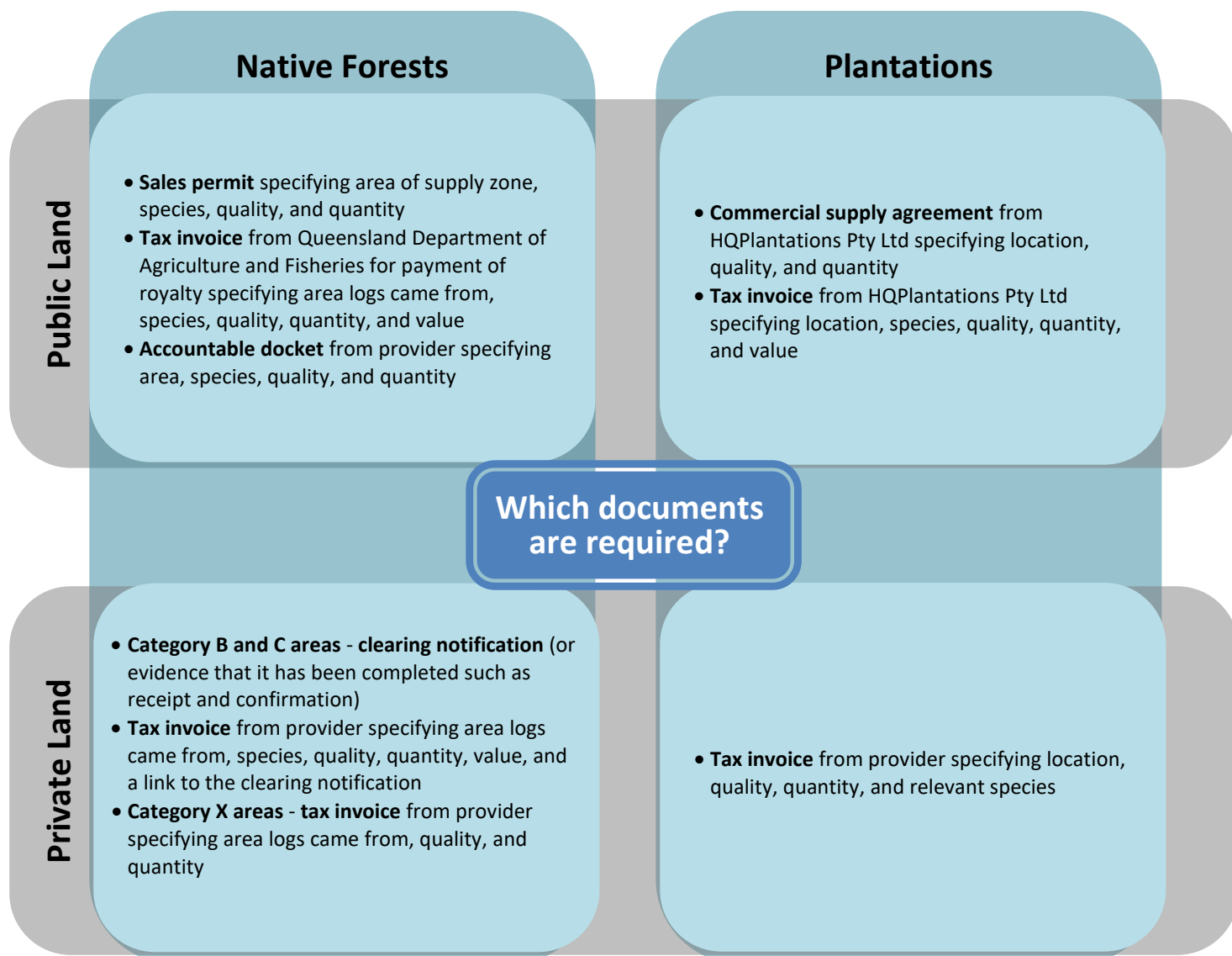
Harvesting timber on privately owned land that is mapped as category X on the regulated vegetation management map does not require notification or approval from the Department of Resources, however, local, State or Commonwealth Government laws may still apply.

Privately owned plantation timber on freehold land may be harvested with the consent of the owner of the trees. An agreement (supply agreement / tax invoice / receipt) that transfers the ownership of the raw logs to the processor must be available.

Nature Conservation Act

Timber harvesting on protected area estate is prohibited under the Nature Conservation Act. In addition to any relevant requirements above, harvesting of restricted plants must be authorised under the Nature Conservation Act in the form of a *protected plant harvesting licence*. The licence must be obtained prior to conducting any harvesting of restricted plants.

Summary of documents to demonstrate legality of timber from Queensland



All land tenure

Nature Conservation Act 1992

If harvesting protected plants, in addition to any of the above requirements:

- A protected plant harvesting licence, specifying location, species, quality, and quantity to be harvested within specified time frame.

Who should I contact for further information?

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