

Hazard Reduction is undertaken to reduce bushfire risk and is not a land clearing activity.

Routine agricultural practice, such as stubble burning, burning diseased crops, burning sugar cane.

Is the burn a routine agricultural practice?

NO

YES

Proposed work is **hazard reduction**

Proposed work is a **routine agricultural practice**

May apply to NSW RFS for a Hazard Reduction Certificate (HRC)

Is it a fire season?

HRC NOT ISSUED

HRC APPROVED

NO

YES

*Effective 12 mths from date of issue*

Must apply under existing legislation. Details available from RFS

Is it a fire season?

NO

YES

Provide 24hrs notice to neighbours and RFS prior to burning

Apply to RFS for permit to burn

On issue, provide 24 hr notice to neighbours + RFS prior to burn

Advise RFS within 7 days following completion

No permit required

Provide 24hr notice to neighbours + RFS prior to burning

Apply for permit to RFS Permit Officer

On issue of permit, provide 24hr notice to neighbours + RFS prior to burning

*Permit valid for up to 21 days*

If the proposed burn is NOT hazard reduction or a routine agricultural practice, apply to the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources for permission to clear.