



STATUTORY COMPLIANCE - 03

Consent for Establishment (CFE)

Consent for Establishment enquiries for the planning and establishment stage of an industrial project.



WHAT WE COVER

Project profile — Define the activity, location and project scope.

Environmental information — Bring together emissions, wastewater and proposed-control information.

Consent documentation — Discuss the application and supporting information for the relevant authority.

Overview of Consent for Establishment (CFE) from SPCB

Consent for Establishment (CFE), also referred to as Consent to Establish (CTE), is a No Objection Certificate accorded to industries that control the release of air emissions, wastewater, and noise levels from their industrial activities. It is a mandatory requirement for businesses, projects, and facilities that have the potential to cause environmental pollution. The issuance of this document, also known as a No Objection Certificate (NOC), is the responsibility of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) or Pollution Control Committee (PCC). The SPCB/PCC is authorised by the Water and Air Act to regulate such establishments within their jurisdiction. They categorise the NOCs into three types: red, orange, and green. Although some states have a list of exempted activities, informing the concerned Board by applying is still necessary. Entrepreneurs must apply for Consent for Establishment (CFE) and provide all the relevant documents before establishing their facility. Once the construction and setup of the unit are completed, they will require final Consent to Operate (CTO) to begin operations.

Procedure for Getting Consent for Establishment Submission of CFE Application: The application for Consent for Establishment (CFE) is submitted online or, in some cases, offline to the regional office. Along with the application, all necessary documents must be provided. If the application is made online, it can be submitted on the respective Board's OCMMS portal, along with the required fee.



Document Scrutiny and Submission: After the application is received, all applications (online/offline) are examined, and the documents are scrutinised. In the case of Green Category industries, the regional office scrutinises the application. **Issuance of Pollution NOC:** Once the scrutiny and/or initial inspection report (in case of a site visit) are completed, the application is forwarded to the approving authority. The entire processing time for a final decision typically takes around 120 days from receiving a complete application. A provisional Consent to Establish (CTE) will be issued in most cases.

Note: Obtaining Consent for Establishment (CFE) from the State Pollution Control Board or renewing it does not exempt the units from any actions or penalties by the Pollution Board...

Documents Required for Consent for Establishment (CFE) Duly filled CFE/CTE application Proof of ownership/lease/rent agreement for the premises Site plan/layout plan of the premises Project details, including information on raw materials, product description, and capital cost of the unit (e.g., land, machinery, building) Proposed pollution control measures Machinery and equipment details to be installed NOC from the local body NOC from the fire department Payment of the prescribed fee Any additional documents required by the specific state or Union Territory Water balance in the region, water source, and required quantity MOA (Memorandum of Association)/Partnership Deed CTE fee Signed undertaking

Note: The list of required documents may vary based on the specific regulations and requirements of each state or Union Territory...

Validity of Consent for Establishment (CFE)	
Category of Industry/Project	Validity Period
Micro and Small-scale green category project	3-5 years (depending upon the Pollution Control Board)
Medium and Large-Scale Green category projects	Maximum of 5 years

Extension/Renewal of Consent for Establishment (CFE)

If the unit or project is not completed before the expiration of the Consent to Establish (CTE), the applicant has the option to apply for an extension or renewal of the CTE...

The Advantages of Consent for Establishment (CFE)

- **Regulatory Compliance:** CFE guarantees that the industrial facility complies with environmental regulations...
- **Sustainable Development:** CFE promotes sustainable development...
- **Health and Safety:** CFE ensures that the industrial facility does not pose any health or safety risks...
- **Positive Reputation:** Obtaining CFE demonstrates the establishment's commitment...
- **Access to Financing:** Some financial institutions require CFE as a prerequisite...
- **How Can MLC Assist You?**

End-to-End Assistance: With over 10 years of experience in licensing and compliance domains...

Expert Legal Guidance: MLC offers comprehensive support for Consent for Establishment...



Best-in-Class Client Support: Our dedicated support team will inform our clients about the latest guidelines...

Useful details to share when you enquire

- Business activity, site location and ownership details
- Existing applications, permissions and supporting records
- The registration or approval you need to discuss

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