

National Environmental Quality Standards for Noise

S. No.	Category of Area / Zone	Effective from 1st July, 2010		Effective from 1st July, 2012	
		Limit in dB(A) Leq "			
		Day Time	Night Time	Day Time	Night Time
1.	Residential area (A)	65	50	55	45
2.	Commercial area (B)	70	60	65	55
3.	Industrial area (C)	80	75	75	65
4.	Silence Zone (D)	55	45	50	45

- Note:*
1. Day time hours: 6.00 a. m to 10.00 p. m.
 2. Night time hours: 10.00 p. m. to 6.00 a.m.
 3. Silence zone: Zones which are declared as such by the competent authority. An area comprising not less than 100 meters around hospitals, educational institutions and courts.
 4. Mixed categories of areas may be declared as one of the four above-mentioned categories by the competent authority.

*dB(A) Leq: Time weighted average of the level of sound in decibels on scale A which is relatable to human hearing.

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