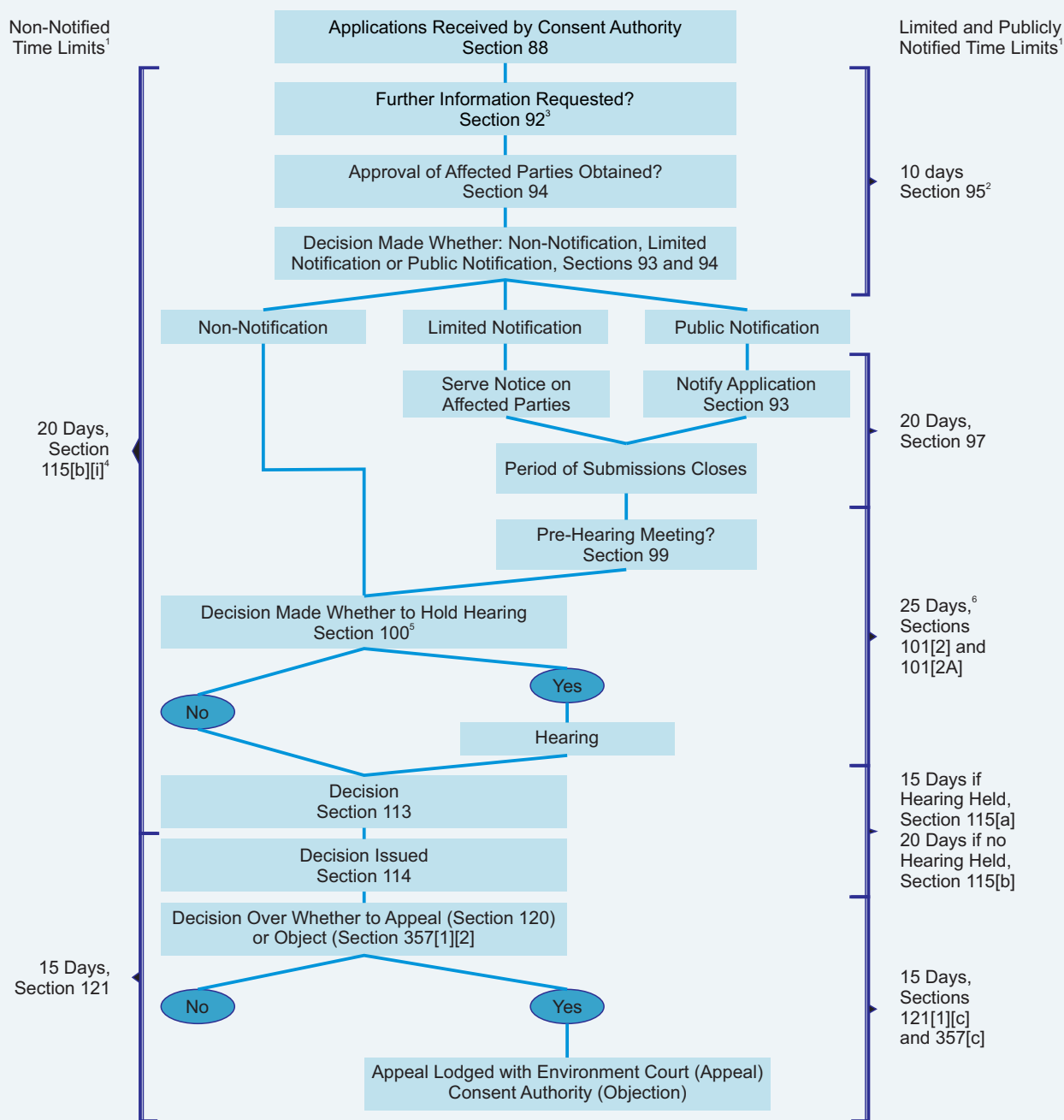


## Resource Consent Procedure and Timeframes

(from Figure 4, *Your Guide to the Resource Management Act*. MfE, Ref.ME766, August 2006)  
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### Notes:

1. It should be noted that these timeframes are extendable under certain circumstances.
2. This period begins when the application is received. If further information is sought, the 'clock stops' until the information is provided to the council.
3. Applicants have 15 working days to either provide the information or provide a response in relation to the request.
4. This period begins when the application is received. If further information or the approval of affected parties is sought, the 'clock stops' until the information is provided to the council. If a hearing is held, additional timeframes apply (see right-hand column).
5. If the consent authority decides not to hold a hearing on a notified application, it must release its decision within 20 working days, rather than the 40 days otherwise indicated in this figure. At this point, a consent authority may decide to hold a hearing in relation to a non-notified application, if the situation demands it.
6. Council may direct the pre-provision of evidence before a hearing. In this case, the time period for beginning the hearing is 40 working days.