

FACT SHEET

WHS reporting class exemption

June 2020

Work health and safety reports

Clause 130 of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014 requires mine operators to provide a work health and safety report to the Resources Regulator each year. The report must provide certain information, including details of incidents and injuries at the mine during the reporting period. This type of information is used, among other things, for preparing key statistical data on injuries and illness in the mining sector.

Class exemption

A class exemption will take effect from June 2020 that exempts operators of the following classes of mines from having to provide a work health and safety report to the Resources Regulator:

- any non-coal mine with total worker hours of less than 10,000 hours per year
- any mine or exploration site where the only activity undertaken is exploration.

Operators of petroleum sites, underground small gemstone mines, opal mines and tourist mines are already not required to give a work health and safety report to the Resources Regulator.

What do mine operators need to do?

Mine operators will receive an email from the Resources Regulator requesting confirmation as to whether they fall into the category covered by the class exemption. If not, the mine operator will need to give a work health and safety report to the Resources Regulator within one month of June 30.

The work health and safety report must be submitted through the NSW Resources Regulator Portal.

More information

More information on work health and safety reports can be found on the Resources Regulator [website](#).