

FACT SHEET

Work health and safety reporting class exemption

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Work health and safety reports

Certain mine operators must provide a work health and safety report to the Resources Regulator for each financial year (under clause 130 of the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014). Work health and safety reports contain information on injuries and illness as well as other information such as the total number of hours worked at the mine. This information is used for preparing key statistical data on injuries and illness in the mining sector.

Changes to reporting requirements

Annual reporting

For the reporting period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, Quarter 4 reports have been replaced by a work health and safety report covering the 12-month reporting period in the [Regulator Portal](#). From financial year 2020-21, mine operators will only be required to submit work health and safety reports for each mine once per year via the [Regulator Portal](#).

Class exemption

A class exemption has taken 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.

Exemptions continue for operators of petroleum sites, underground small gemstone mines, opal mines and tourist mines. A work health and safety report will not be generated in the [Regulator Portal](#) and operators do not need to take any action.

What do mine operators need to do?

Mine operators that do not fall under an exemption will receive an email from the NSW Resources Regulator with information on submitting an annual work health and safety report.

More information

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