

## New workplace health and safety laws fact sheet



### Examples of how the construction definition may be applied

#### Road construction, repair of road or upgrade/change to an existing road

This fact sheet should be read in conjunction with the fact sheet *What is construction work under the new definition?*

These examples are for illustration only and are not exhaustive. The table has been categorised into four phases:

1. concept development, planning and design
2. site preparation
3. doing
4. completing.

The table also includes activities that are additional to these phases.

Y indicates the work **is** construction work under the new definition.

N indicates the work **is not** construction work under the new definition.

*Note: the activities within the phases have not been placed in order of progress*

Phase	Activity	Construction work
<b>Concept development, planning and design</b>	Lot surveying	N
	Soil testing	N
	Design and plans and drawings	N
	Specification preparation	N
	Engineer certification	N
	Estimation/quantity surveying	N
	Contract finalisation	N
	Notifications and approvals	N
<b>Site preparation</b>	Preparation of reclaimed land e.g. demolition of existing structures	Y
	Land clearing by powered mobile plant	Y
	Site draining	Y
	Cutting and filling (excavation work)	Y
	Drainage works	Y
	Road siting	Y
	Retaining	Y
	Delivery and placement of fill	Y
<b>Doing</b>	Grading of contours	Y
	Soil density testing	Y
	Layering of aggregates	Y
	Compaction of aggregates	Y
	Sealing (bitumen, asphalt, concrete)	Y
	Reclamation and scarification of existing surfaces	Y
	Line marking	Y

Phase	Activity	Construction work
<b>Completing</b>	Noise attenuated fencing installation	Y
	Permanent guardrail installation	Y
	Permanent signage installation	Y
	Lighting installation	Y
	Landscaping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• landfill</li> <li>• irrigation systems</li> <li>• planting</li> <li>• turfing</li> <li>• paving</li> <li>• retaining walls</li> <li>• barbecue construction</li> </ul>	Y
<b>Additional to site preparation, doing and completing</b>	Delivery of temporary road barriers and signs installation	Y
	Removal of temporary signage and traffic barriers	Y
	Delivery of aggregates	N
	Placement of aggregates	Y
	Engineer certification	N
	Traffic control	Y
	Datum surveying	Y
	Testing e.g. moisture content, compaction densities	Y
	Concrete pump operation	Y
Ongoing removal of site materials and delivery of fill	Y	

## Further information

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