

## Workplace Health and Safety Queensland

Information in this fact sheet relates to the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* which applies from 1 January 2012.

### Plant registration

#### Background

There are significant changes to plant registration from 1 January 2012 with the commencement of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* (WHS Act 2011).

#### Who is responsible for registering an item of plant?

Under the WHS Act 2011 a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) must ensure that any plant in their control is registered with Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ) as soon as practicable.

#### Changes in registration to items of plant

##### Air conditioning units and cooling towers

Under the *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011* (WHS Regulation 2011) there is no longer a requirement for air conditioning and cooling towers to be registered. However, there is a new requirement for pressure vessels within air conditioning units.

##### Pressure vessels within air conditioning units

Plant registration of pressure vessel components of air conditioning units is required under the WHS Regulation 2011 (Schedule 5, Part 2 – *Items of plant requiring registration*).

Previously, registration of air conditioning units included all the components of the system and consequently additional individual registration of any pressure vessel components was not required.

Schedule 5, Part 2, 3.2 states:  
Pressure vessels categorised as hazard level A, B or C according to the criteria in section

2.1 of AS 4343:2005 (Pressure equipment—Hazard levels), except—

- (a) gas cylinders; and
- (b) LP Gas fuel vessels for automotive use; and
- (c) serially produced vessels

To determine if plant registration of pressure vessels within an air conditioning unit is required, it is recommended that owners seek technical advice from their air conditioner supplier or service agent.

Form 8 - Application for registration of registrable plant should be completed and submitted to WHSQ for any pressure vessel that meets these criteria and is incorporated as a component of an air conditioning unit.

##### Inflatable amusement devices

Under the WHS Regulation 2011 inflatable amusement devices (which are not sealed or those that do use a non-return valve) are required to be registered.

##### Truck-mounted concrete placing units with booms

The WHS Regulation 2011 has expanded the registration of truck-mounted concrete placing units with booms to include all concrete placement units with delivery booms. If you hold a current registration for a truck-mounted concrete placing unit with boom, this will be automatically changed over to the new title of 'concrete placement unit with delivery boom'. If you receive your renewal notice and the old terminology is still being used, this will be corrected when your registration certificate is printed. There is no need to contact WHSQ to have this changed prior to the renewal of your registration.

## **Changes to inspection requirements**

The PCBU that is in control of an item of registrable plant must now keep a record of all tests, inspections, maintenance, commissioning, decommissioning, dismantling and alterations of plant for the period that the plant is used or until the person relinquishes control of the plant. If the plant is relinquished to another party, these records must be given to the person taking control of the plant.

Section 213(2) of the WHS Regulation 2011 states:

The maintenance, inspection and testing must be carried out:

- (a) in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations, if any; or
- (b) if there are no manufacturer's recommendations, in accordance with the recommendations of a competent person; or
- (c) in relation to inspection, if it is not reasonably practicable to comply with paragraph (a) or (b), annually.

## **Further information**

For more information about the new work health and safety laws in Queensland or to register plant visit [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au) or call WHS Infoline on 1300 369 915.

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