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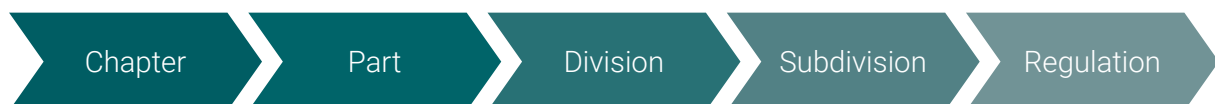
Mine statutory positions portal: Navigating the Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022

This guide has been prepared to provide an overview of and the Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022 (WHS Mines Regulations).

Many of the exam questions will have key terms which are defined in the *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* (WHS Act) or WHS Mines Regulations. Many of these key terms appear in the WHS Mines Regulations under the section heading 'Terms used'.

Using the key terms and this guide will assist you to locate the regulation needed to answer each exam question.

The WHS Mines Regulations are written in the following structure, which is common across legislation:



Groups of regulations can be organised into parts. Parts are sequential and may be broken into divisions and subdivisions. Chapters may be used for large and complex legislation.

Each part, which is sequentially numbered, is made up of a division. Divisions restart at 1 for each part, and some divisions have subdivisions.

Each division or subdivision is made up of regulations, which are numbered from 1 to 749. Not all regulations of the WHS Mines Regulations are used. Regulations are broken down as follows:



The convention when citing a regulation in writing is 'r. 56, r. 63A and so on. The figure below is an example taken from the 'Contents' of the WHS Mines Regulations.

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Breakdown of key terms covered in each part of the WHS Mines Regulations

Chapter 1 – Preliminary

Describes the key terms in the WHS Mines Regulations and how they work with the WHS Act.

Key terms in Chapter 1

- Application of regulations
- Assessment of risk in relation to a class of hazards, tasks, circumstances or things
- Meaning of a mine
- Meaning of a mine operator
- Meaning of mine operations
- Meaning of supply
- References to person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) include references to mine operators
- Terms used

Chapter 2 – Representation and participation

The laws around forming work groups, electing health and safety representatives, issue resolution and stopping unsafe work.

Key terms in Chapter 2

- Health and safety representatives
- Issue resolution
- Representation
- Unsafe work
- Work groups

Chapter 3 – General risk and workplace management

Key terms in Chapter 3

- Airborne contaminants
- Directed medical examinations
- Duty to identify hazards
- Emergency plans
- Falling objects
- First aid
- Flammable or combustible substances
- General working environment
- Hazardous atmospheres
- Hierarchy of control measures
- Information, training and instruction
- Managing and reviewing control measures
- Managing risks to health and safety
- PPE
- Psychological risks
- Remote or isolated work
- Tobacco smoke

Chapter 4 – Hazardous work

Key terms in Chapter 4

- Confined spaces
- Demolition work
- Diving work
- Electrical safety
- Energised electrical work
- Falls
- High risk work
- Manual tasks
- Noise
- The use of power tools on engineered stone products

Chapter 5 – Plant and structures

Key terms in Chapter 5

- Commission plant
- Design plant
- Import plant
- Manufacture plant
- Management control of plant
- Registration of plant designs and items of plant

Chapter 6 – Construction work

Key terms in Chapter 6

- Commission of construction work
- Designer of structure
- Excavation work
- General construction induction and training
- High risk construction work
- Local government
- Principal contractor
- Safe work method statements
- Tilt-up and precast concrete elements

Chapter 7 – Hazardous chemicals

Key terms in Chapter 7

- Emergency plans and safety equipment
- Health monitoring
- Induction, information, training and supervision
- Labelling
- Lead
- Obligations of manufacturers and importers
- Obligations of suppliers
- Prohibition, authorisation and restricted use
- Register of hazardous chemicals
- Spills and damage

Chapter 8 – Asbestos

Key terms in Chapter 8

- Asbestos at the workplace
- Asbestos removal work
- Asbestos related work
- Class A asbestos removal licence
- Control on use of certain equipment
- Demolition and refurbishment
- Licensing of asbestos removalists and assessors
- Management of asbestos and associated risks
- Management of naturally occurring asbestos
- Prohibitions and authorised work
- Training

Chapter 9 – Not used

This Chapter is not used in the WHS Mines Regulations.

Chapter 10 – Mines

This Chapter relates to regulations specific to mines.

Key terms in Chapter 10

- Air quality
- Assessment and courses for statutory positions and certificates
- Contractors
- Electricity in mines
- Emergency plan
- Exploration manager
- Fitness for work
- Health management and monitoring
- Information to the regulator
- Mine operator
- Mine record
- Mine safety management system
- Mine survey plans
- Operational controls
- Other mine operators
- Principal mining hazard
- Principal mining hazard plans
- Radiation in mines
- Schedule 26 positions
- Site senior executive
- Statutory certificates
- Statutory positions
- Underground mines

Chapter 11 – General

A range of topics such as the review of decisions, advisory committees and the changes from the repealed Occupational safety and health, and Mines safety and inspection legislations to the WHS legislation.

Key terms in Chapter 11

- Competency advisory committees
- External review
- Exemptions
- High risk work licences
- Internal review
- Mining and petroleum advisory committee
- Reviewable decisions
- Transition and savings provisions

Schedules

Information below only lists schedule numbers which are used in the WHS Mines Regulations.

Schedule 3	High risk work licences and classes of high risk work
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Schedule 5	Registration of plant and plant designs
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Schedule 9	Classification, packaging and labelling requirements
Schedule 10	Prohibited carcinogens, restricted carcinogens and restricted hazardous chemicals
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Schedule 20	Prohibited uses in mines
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Schedule 23	High risk mining
Schedule 24	Information to be included in notification of reportable incidents
Schedule 25	Information to be included in quarterly reports
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Schedule 27	Statutory certificates