

## Guide

# Demolition notifications

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## Introduction

The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations – the WHS (NUL) Regulations – provides that a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) who proposes to carry out the demolition of a structure or part of a structure that is loadbearing or related to the physical integrity of the structure that is at least 6 metres in height; involves shifting machinery on a suspended floor or involves explosives, must notify the Regulator – Regulation 142.

A PCBU at a workplace is required to ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, the health and safety of workers and others. Demolition notifications provide risk based information to the Regulator so it can apply resources and target compliance and enforcement actions to areas of greatest risk to health and safety. This supports the duty of a PCBU to manage risks associated with the carrying out of demolition work.

## Scope

Notification of demolition work is required where the demolition:

- Involves a structure or part of a structure that is loadbearing or otherwise related to the physical integrity of the structure that is at least 6 metres in height
- Involves load shifting machinery on a suspended floor
- Involving the use of explosives.

Regulation 142

## Who must notify

- The PCBU who proposes to carry out the demolition work must notify the Regulator – Regulation 142(1).
- Where demolition work was carried out by an emergency services organisation as part of a rescue or provision of first aid, the emergency services organisation that directed an emergency service worker to carry out demolition work – Regulation 142(3).

## When to notify

The PCBU is required to notify the Regulator at least 5 days before the work commences – Regulation 142(1). The emergency service organisation is required to notify the Regulator as soon as practicable after the demolition work is carried out – Regulation 142(3).

## How to Notify

Notifications are required to be made to the Regulator in the State or Territory or the Commonwealth in which the structure to be demolished is located. Notification forms are available on NT WorkSafe's website [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au)

## Fees

There is no fee for a demolition notification.

## What information does the Regulator require?

The Regulator requires written notification of lead risk work to include the following information:

- The notification must be dated
- The name and contact details of the PCBU
- If the value of the demolition work exceeds \$250,000 the name of the principal contractor (if different to the demolition licence holder)
- Name of the demolition supervisor (if different to the principal contractor)
- If explosives are to be used the licence details of the person who is to use the explosives
- Address where the demolition work will be undertaken
- Expected start date and end date of the demolition
- Nature of the demolition e.g. type of structure to be demolished including height, type of machinery to be used and whether explosives will be used.

**Note:** there is no requirement in the Northern Territory for demolition work to be licenced - Regulation 143

## Further information

### Code of Practice

The information the Regulator requests is based on the notification requirements contained in the national Code of Practice

- *Demolition Work*

### Legislation

The *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act* and *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Regulations* are available on NT WorkSafe's website [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au)

## List of Jurisdiction Contacts

Jurisdiction	Name of Regulator	Telephone	Web site
Commonwealth	Comcare	1300 366 979	<a href="http://www.comcare.gov.au">www.comcare.gov.au</a>
New South Wales	WorkCover NSW	13 10 50	<a href="http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au">www.workcover.nsw.gov.au</a>
Victoria	WorkSafe Victoria	1800 136 089 or (03) 9641 1444	<a href="http://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au">www.worksafe.vic.gov.au</a>
Queensland	WorkCover Qld	1300 362 128	<a href="http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au">www.worksafe.qld.gov.au</a>
South Australia	SafeWork SA	1300 365 255	<a href="http://www.safework.sa.gov.au">www.safework.sa.gov.au</a>
Western Australia	WorkSafe WA	1300 307 877	<a href="http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au">www.worksafe.wa.gov.au</a>
Australian Capital Territory	WorkSafe ACT	(02) 6207 3000	<a href="http://www.worksafe.act.gov.au">www.worksafe.act.gov.au</a>
Tasmania	WorkSafe Tasmania	1300 366 322 (Inside Tasmania) (03) 6166 4600 (Outside Tasmania)	<a href="http://www.worksafe.tas.gov.au">www.worksafe.tas.gov.au</a>
Northern Territory	NT WorkSafe	1800 019 115	<a href="http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au">www.worksafe.nt.gov.au</a>

## Contact us

For further information please contact us on 1800 019 115, via email at [ntworksafe@nt.gov.au](mailto:ntworksafe@nt.gov.au) or go to the NT WorkSafe website at [www.worksafe.nt.gov.au](http://www.worksafe.nt.gov.au).

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