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GUIDELINES ON THE DESIGNATION OF AUTHORISED OFFICERS

1. Objective

1.1 To provide enforcement agencies with guidance on the designation of authorised officers as per Part 2, Division 4, section 29 of the *Public Health Act 2016* (the Act).

2. Guidelines

2.1 The Chief Health Officer may issue guidelines in relation to the appropriate qualifications and experience for a person or class of persons to be designated as authorised officers under the Act. The following guidelines are provided.

2.2 An enforcement agency may designate a person or, as the case requires, the persons within a class as authorised officers, for the purposes of the Act—

- I. if the person or persons within that class hold a qualification approved by the Chief Health Officer under section 18 of the Act; or
- II. if the person or persons within that class have previously been approved by the Executive Director, Public Health to be appointed as an environmental health officer, under the *Health Act 1911*; or
- III. if the person or persons within that class hold qualifications and experience approved by the Western Australian Environmental Health Officers Professional Review Board.

2.3 For the purposes of the *Health (Asbestos) Regulations 1992* only, an enforcement agency may designate a person to be an authorised officer if the person has previously been authorised in writing by the Executive Director, Public Health to be appointed as an authorised person under those Regulations.

2.4 In accordance with section 25(2) of the Act, these guidelines do not apply to the designation of public health officials, whether individually or as a class; or appointed environmental health officers, whether individually or as a class.

3. Accountability

3.1 Each enforcement agency must prepare and maintain a list of authorised officers designated by the agency.

3.2 Maintenance of lists of authorised officers and compliance with designation guidelines may form part of the annual reporting requirements to the Chief Health Officer of the Department of Health.

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 Department of Health.

Dated this 24th day of January 2017.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICERS (APPROVED QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE FOR APPOINTMENT) NOTICE 2017

Pursuant to section 18 of the *Public Health Act 2016*, I hereby approve the following qualifications and experience for eligibility to be appointed as an environmental health officer under section 17 of the Act—

Qualifications	Institution
Diploma in Environmental Health	Technical Education Division Department of Education Western Australia
Bachelor of Applied Science (Environmental Health)	Western Australian Institute of Technology Western Australia