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Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

Part 1 — Preliminary

1. Citation

These regulations are the *Work Health and Safety Legislation (Workplace Exposure Limits) Amendment Regulations 2026*.

2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation as follows —

(a) Part 1 — on the day on which these regulations are published on the WA legislation website;

(b) the rest of the regulations — on 1 December 2026.

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Part 2 — *Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022* amended

3. Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022*.

4. Regulation 5 amended

(1) In regulation 5 delete the definition of ***exposure standard***.

(2) In regulation 5 insert in alphabetical order:

> ***exposure limit*** means an exposure limit in the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants as modified by regulation 48A;
>
> ***mg/m³*** means milligrams per cubic metre of air;
>
> ***ppm*** means parts of a contaminant per million parts of air;
>
> ***Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants*** means the document of that name published by Safe Work Australia dated November 2025;

5. Regulation 33 amended

In regulation 33 in example 1 delete "standard." and insert:

limit.

6. Regulation 48A inserted

At the beginning of Chapter 3 Part 3.2 Division 7 insert:

48A. Modifications to exposure limits

(1) This regulation modifies the text of the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants.

(2) The Table in Appendix A is modified by deleting the row relating to Diesel particulate matter (as respirable elemental carbon).

(3) The Table in Appendix A is modified in the row relating to Phosphine by deleting the 8-hour time weighted averages (TWA) of 0.05 ppm and 0.07 mg/m^3 and the peak limits of 0.15 ppm and 0.21 mg/m^3 and inserting the following exposure limits —

(a) 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) —

(i) 0.3 ppm; and

(ii) 0.42 mg/m^3;

(b) short term exposure limit (STEL) —

(i) 1 ppm; and

(ii) 1.4 mg/m^3.

(4) In subregulation (3), each of the following terms has the same meaning as in the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants —

8-hour time weighted average (TWA)

peak limitation (peak limit)

short term exposure limit (STEL)

(5) The modification in subregulation (3) applies until 30 November 2029.

7. Regulation 49 amended

(1) In regulation 49(1) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

(2) In regulation 49(2):

(a) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

(b) delete "time-weighted" and insert:

time weighted

(c) in paragraph (a) delete "mg per cubic metre of air;" and insert:

mg/m^3;

(d) in paragraph (b) delete "mg per cubic metre of air." and insert:

mg/m^3.

(3) In regulation 49(3):

(a) delete "Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants" and insert:

Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants

(b) delete "standard referred to in those Standards." and insert:

limit referred to in that document.

(4) Delete regulation 49(4) and insert:

(4) In subregulation (2), each of the following terms has the same meaning as in the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants —

8-hour time weighted average

inhalable

respirable

Note: The heading to amended regulation 49 is to read:

Ensuring exposure limits for substances and mixtures not exceeded

8. Regulation 50 amended

In regulation 50(1):

(a) delete "standard" (1st occurrence) and insert:

limit

(b) in paragraph (a) delete "standard; or" and insert:

limit; or

9. Regulation 352 amended

In regulation 352(c) delete "standard;" and insert:

limit;

10. Regulation 420 amended

In regulation 420(2) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

11. Regulation 454 amended

In regulation 454(2)(a) delete "to below the exposure standard; and" and insert:

below the exposure limit for asbestos; and

12. Regulation 455 amended

In regulation 455(2) delete "to below the exposure standard." and insert:

below the exposure limit for asbestos.

13. Regulation 482 amended

In regulation 482(1) and (2) delete "standard" and insert:

limit for asbestos

14. Regulation 529CA amended

In regulation 529CA(2)(e) delete "workplace exposure standard;" and insert:

exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica;

15. Regulation 529CE amended

In regulation 529CE(b) delete "workplace exposure standard" and insert:

exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica

16. Schedule 8 amended

In Schedule 8 clause 3(2)(a)(iv) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

Part 3 — *Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022* amended

17. Regulations amended

This Part amends the *Work Health and Safety (Mines) Regulations 2022*.

18. Regulation 5 amended

(1) In regulation 5 delete the definition of ***exposure standard***.

(2) In regulation 5 insert in alphabetical order:

> ***exposure limit*** means an exposure limit in the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants as modified by regulation 48A;
>
> ***mg/m³*** means milligrams per cubic metre of air;
>
> ***ppm*** means parts of a contaminant per million parts of air;
>
> ***Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants*** means the document of that name published by Safe Work Australia dated November 2025;

19. Regulation 33 amended

In regulation 33 in example 1 delete "standard." and insert:

limit.

20. Regulation 48A inserted

At the beginning of Chapter 3 Part 3.2 Division 7 insert:

48A. Modifications to exposure limits

(1) This regulation modifies the text of the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants.

(2) The Table in Appendix A is modified in the row relating to Diesel particulate matter (as respirable elemental carbon) by —

(a) deleting the 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) of 0.01 mg/m^3; and

(b) inserting the 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) of 0.1 mg/m^3 (measured as sub-micron elemental carbon).

(3) The Table in Appendix A is modified in the row relating to Phosphine by deleting the 8-hour time weighted averages (TWA) of 0.05 ppm and 0.07 mg/m^3 and the peak limits of 0.15 ppm and 0.21 mg/m^3 and inserting the following exposure limits —

(a) 8-hour time weighted average (TWA) —

(i) 0.3 ppm; and

(ii) 0.42 mg/m^3;

(b) short term exposure limit (STEL) —

(i) 1 ppm; and

(ii) 1.4 mg/m^3.

(4) In this regulation, each of the following terms has the same meaning as in the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants —

8-hour time weighted average (TWA)

peak limitation (peak limit)

short term exposure limit (STEL)

(5) The modification in subregulation (3) applies until 30 November 2029.

21. Regulation 49 amended

(1) In regulation 49(1) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

(2) In regulation 49(2):

(a) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

(b) delete "time-weighted" and insert:

time weighted

(c) in paragraph (a) delete "mg per cubic metre of air;" and insert:

mg/m^3;

(d) in paragraph (b) delete "mg per cubic metre of air." and insert:

mg/m^3.

(3) In regulation 49(3):

(a) delete "Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants" and insert:

Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants

(b) delete "standard referred to in those Standards." and insert:

limit referred to in that document.

(4) Delete regulation 49(4) and insert:

(4) In subregulation (2), each of the following terms has the same meaning as in the Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants —

8-hour time weighted average

inhalable

respirable

Note: The heading to amended regulation 49 is to read:

Ensuring exposure limits for substances and mixtures not exceeded

22. Regulation 50 amended

In regulation 50(1):

(a) delete "standard" (1st occurrence) and insert:

limit

(b) in paragraph (a) delete "standard; or" and insert:

limit; or

23. Regulation 352 amended

In regulation 352(c) delete "standard;" and insert:

limit;

24. Regulation 420 amended

In regulation 420(2) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

25. Regulation 454 amended

In regulation 454(2)(a) delete "to below the exposure standard; and" and insert:

below the exposure limit for asbestos; and

26. Regulation 455 amended

In regulation 455(2) delete "to below the exposure standard." and insert:

below the exposure limit for asbestos.

27. Regulation 482 amended

In regulation 482(1) and (2) delete "standard" and insert:

limit for asbestos

28. Regulation 637 amended

In regulation 637(1)(b)(i) and (ii) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

29. Regulation 637A amended

(1) In regulation 637A(1) and (2) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

(2) In regulation 637A(3)(a) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

Note: The heading to amended regulation 637A is to read:

Requirements if airborne exposure limit for mixture or substance exceeded

30. Regulation 648 amended

In regulation 648(1):

(a) in paragraph (b)(ii) delete "49;" and insert:

49.

(b) after paragraph (b) delete "and";

(c) delete paragraph (c).

31. Regulation 650 amended

In regulation 650(1):

(a) in paragraph (b) delete "exceeded; or" and insert:

exceeded.

(b) delete paragraph (c).

Note: The heading to amended regulation 650 is to read:

Requirements if air quality requirements or exposure limits not complied with

32. Regulation 656B deleted

Delete regulation 656B.

33. Schedule 8 amended

In Schedule 8 clause 3(2)(a)(iv) delete "standard" and insert:

limit

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