

WHAT IS WORKPLACE STANDARDS TASMANIA AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

Workplace Standards Tasmania is a division of the Department of Justice.

In order to improve the standard of workplaces and safety in the community, Workplace Standards Tasmania administers many of the laws that regulate business in Tasmania, including:

- *Building Act 2000*
- *Dangerous Goods Act 1998*
- *Industrial relations Act 1984*
- *Long Service Leave Act 1976*
- *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988*
- *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995.*

You can view this and other legislation at the www.thelaw.tas.gov.au websites. Alternatively, you can purchase your own copies from the Printing Authority of Tasmania Bookshop. Call (03) 6233 3289 or freecall 1 800 030 940.

Workplace Standards Tasmania consists of four branches:

- the Inspectorate
- Building Standards and Regulation
- Policy, Planning and Services
- WorkCover.

It has regional offices in Rosny, Launceston and Burnie.

WHAT DOES THE INSPECTORATE DO?

The work of this branch focuses on:

- *workplace health and safety*, including accident investigation, plant inspection, assessor and operator accreditation, plant design, registration and employee's safety representatives.
- *wages, conditions, awards and industrial agreements* affecting most sole traders, partnerships and non-profit organisations

- *electrical, plumbing and gas safety*, including electricians, plumbers and gas fitters accreditation
- *security-sensitive substances and dangerous goods*, including shotfirer, pyrotechnic and bulk driver accreditation
- *long service leave* for business and government
- *shop trading hours and statutory holidays.*

This branch:

- inspects, advises and enforces laws about workplace standards
- investigates workplace accidents, incidents and complaints
- issues licenses for storing and using dangerous goods, selling fireworks, certain construction work and removal work, such as that involving asbestos
- provides Tasmanian workplaces with information about workplace health and safety by visiting workplaces providing publications and resources, presenting seminars, information campaigns and promotional activities.

The Inspectorate is based in each of Workplace Standards' regional offices.

WHAT DOES BUILDING STANDARDS AND REGULATION DO?

The work of this branch focuses on *building standards and regulation*, including plumbing issues and the accreditation of building practitioners.

This branch provides general advice about the interpretation of building laws, regulations, codes and standards, and administers the Building Appeals Board.

This branch is based in Rosny.

WHAT DOES POLICY, PLANNING AND SERVICES DO?

This branch examines, recommends and develops policies and laws for consideration by the Tasmanian Government. This branch is based in Rosny.



WHAT DOES WORKCOVER DO?

The WorkCover Tasmania Board (also known as 'WorkCover Tasmania') is an independent body that oversees the workers rehabilitation and compensation scheme. The WorkCover Branch assists the Board in carrying out its functions, and focuses on:

- *improving* the way the Scheme performs
- *monitoring and regulating* the Scheme.

The Board provides strategic direction to the Branch. The Branch:

- promotes workplace health and safety and injury management through education campaigns, advisory services, and guidance material
- conducts the annual Workplace Safe Week (supporting the national Safe Work Australia Week) and the Workplace Safe Awards
- monitors and regulates the performance of licensed insurers and self-insurers
- monitors and reviews premium rates, and ensures insurance arrangements are efficient and competitive
- accredits medical practitioners to issue a workers compensation medical certificate, or to assess the level of permanent incapacity of an injured worker
- collects, analyses and publishes information about workplace health and safety and the Scheme's performance, and forecasting emerging issues and trends
- manages and delivers projects on behalf of the Board
- performs high-level research to inform the Board.

This branch is based in Rosny.

ORDERING PUBLICATIONS

Our free publications provide practical and easy-to-understand information about workplace health and safety, workers rehabilitation and compensation, and the legislation Workplace Standards administers. You can download or print the latest version of our publications from the www.wst.tas.gov.au website.

You'll find the Publications List (GB054) there; print it off and fax it to the Workplace Standards Helpline on 6233 8338 to order your publications. Alternatively, email your request to wstinfo@justice.tas.gov.au or call the Helpline on 1300 366 322 (inside Tasmania); or 03 6233 7657 (outside Tasmania).



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