

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS 2022

CLASS EXEMPTION

Pursuant to Regulation 684 of the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2022 (the Regulations) I, BRADLEY W PARKER, Executive Director, WorkSafe Tasmania, being the Regulator under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*, grant this Exemption, in specific circumstances, from some of the requirements of regulation 529D.

I am satisfied that in accordance with regulation 685, granting this Exemption will result in a standard of health and safety at the relevant workplace, or in relation to the relevant undertaking, that is at least equivalent to the standard that would have been achieved without the Exemption.

1. Commencement of Exemption

This Exemption commences on the date of gazettal in the Tasmanian Government Gazette and has effect until amended or revoked.

2. Application of Exemption

This Exemption applies to regulation 529D 'Work involving engineered stone benchtops, panels or slabs – prohibition', in the following circumstances:

- (i) to carry out work to reinstall an existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab that was temporarily removed so that other work may be undertaken at the premises.

This Exemption is a class exemption made by the Regulator on its own initiative and is subject to conditions.

3. Conditions of Exemption

In accordance with regulation 691(1) the regulator imposes the following conditions in relation to this Exemption.

1. Processing of the existing engineered stone benchtop panel or slab while uninstalled must be -
 - a. limited to:
 - i. minor modification to enable reinstallation; or
 - ii. minor repair of any damage caused during the removal; or
 - iii. minor modification of the engineered stone; and

- b. no more significant than processing permitted for an installed engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab under regulation 529F(a)(iii).
- 2. If processing is required it must be controlled in accordance with regulation 529B.
- 3. If processing is required the relevant PCBU must notify the Regulator of the work being undertaken in accordance with the requirements under chapter 8A, part 8A.3 of the Regulations.
- 4. This Exemption does not apply to the re-use of engineered stone benchtops, panels or slabs or reinstallation in any location other than the location from which it was removed, including another location at the site from which it was removed.
- 5. This Exemption does not allow the installation of a replacement engineered stone benchtop, slab or panel if for any reason the original engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab cannot be reinstalled.

4. Exemption does not affect other requirements

Nothing in this Exemption affects any other applicable requirement imposed by law in relation to the matters to which this Exemption applies.

Dated this 12th day of September 2025.



BRADLEY W PARKER
Work Health and Safety Regulator
WorkSafe Tasmania