

Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Regulations 2026

Fact Sheet



The *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* and the Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Regulations 2025 apply to all mine sites in Tasmania. They set requirements for health and safety, managing risks, emergency preparedness and mining operations.

The 2025 Regulations will expire on 30 June 2027. The proposed Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) Regulations 2026 will replace them. The new regulations are expected to start in the late first half of 2027 before the current regulations expire.

You can find more information about the proposed changes and share your views at justice.tas.gov.au/community-consultation.

Community consultation closes 1 June 2026.

➔ Purpose of the new regulations

The new Mines Work Health and Safety (Supplementary Requirements) (MWHS(SR)) Regulations 2026 will replace the 2025 Regulations.

The objectives are to:

- support the MWHS(SR) Act in securing the health and safety of mine workers, and other people exposed to risks to their health or safety arising from mining operations
- ensure the implementation of health and safety measures, specific to mines and mining operations
- address the identified gaps in the 2025 Regulations while retaining and building upon those existing provisions that remain appropriate for Tasmania.

This factsheet includes a table on the following page to assist mine operators in understanding the proposed changes.

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➔ Summary comparison table

All mines	Current Regulation	Draft Regulation	Draft 2026 regulations (proposed)
Managing risks	Basic duties; limited reviews; existing H&SMS; MHMPs	4-21 64-68	Stronger duties; new review triggers; information sharing; PMHMPs
Specific Controls – All Mines	General rules; limited detail	22-30	Shift handover; conveyor safety; prohibited items; fitness for work
Coal Mines	Minimal coal-specific rules	31-32	Inspection plan; explosives management plan
Underground Mines	Limited controls	33-39	New controls for inrush, subsidence, shafts, winding, fire-resistant plant
Underground Coal Mines	Very limited detail	40-48	Supervision; coal dust; spontaneous combustion; sealing; hazardous zones
Emergency Management	Basic emergency plan	49-56	Broader plans incl. training, consultation, testing
Underground Emergency	Minimal underground rules	57-63	Two exits; refuge; signage; self-rescuers; comms; PPE
Atmosphere and Ventilation	Basic temperature/dust rules	69-74	Heat stress; updated dust/air monitoring
Underground Atmosphere	Basic diesel ventilation	75-86	Full ventilation framework; monitoring; alarms
Underground Coal Atmosphere	Minimal methane rules	87-92	Stricter methane limits; gas detection; goaf monitoring; diesel exhaust testing
Health Monitoring	Broad plan	93-103	Risk-triggered monitoring; medical oversight
Coal Health Monitoring	No coal worker tests	104	Respiratory tests and chest X-rays every 5 years
Survey and Mine Plans	Single-tier plan	105-109	Two-tier system; detailed plans for underground/coal mines; annual review
Site Senior Officers	Existing requirements	110-112	New qualification/experience standards
Miscellaneous	No pre-entry notice; old reporting	113-115	Pre-entry notice; new near-miss and incident notification of specified high-risk events (e.g. inundations, ground falls, fires, methane exceedances).