Queensland

Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2026

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Work Health and Safety Act 2011

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This regulation may be cited as the *Work Health and Safety and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2026*.

2 Commencement

Part 3 commences on 1 December 2026.

Part 2 Amendment of Electrical Safety Regulation 2026

3 Regulation amended

This part amends the *Electrical Safety Regulation 2026*.

4 Amendment of s 199 (Preliminary steps)

Section 199(2), 'Subsection (1)(c)'—

omit, insert—

Subsection (1)(d)

Part 3 Amendment of Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011

5 Regulation amended

This part amends the *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*.

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6 Amendment of s 33 (Specific requirements must be complied with)

Section 33, examples, first dot point, ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit

7 Amendment of s 49 (Ensuring exposure standards for substances etc. not exceeded)

(1) Section 49, heading, ‘exposure standards’—

omit, insert—

exposure limits

(2) Section 49, ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit

8 Amendment of s 50 (Monitoring airborne contaminant levels)

Section 50(1), ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit

9 Amendment of s 352 (Review of control measures)

Section 352(c), ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit

10 Amendment of s 420 (Exposure to airborne asbestos at workplace)

(1) Section 420(1)(b), after ‘it’—

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insert—

is

(2) Section 420(2), ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit

11 Amendment of s 454 (Emergency procedure)

Section 454(2)(a), ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit for asbestos

12 Amendment of s 455 (Emergency procedure—domestic premises)

Section 455(2), ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit for asbestos

13 Amendment of s 479 (Uncertainty as to presence of asbestos)

Section 479(2), ‘subsection (1)(b)’—

omit, insert—

subsection (1)

14 Amendment of s 482 (Air monitoring)

Section 482(1) and (2), ‘exposure standard’—

omit, insert—

exposure limit for asbestos

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15 Amendment of s 529CA (Identifying processing of crystalline silica substance that is high risk)

Section 529CA(2)(e), 'exposure standard for crystalline silica'—

omit, insert—

exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica

16 Amendment of s 529CE (Duty to give results of particular air monitoring to regulator)

Section 529CE(1)(b), 'workplace exposure standard for crystalline silica'—

omit, insert—

exposure limit for respirable crystalline silica

17 Amendment of sch 8 (Disclosure of ingredients in safety data sheet)

Schedule 8, section 3(2)(a)(iv), 'exposure standard'—

omit, insert—

exposure limit

18 Insertion of new sch 18D

After schedule 18C—

insert—

Schedule 18D Exposure limits for particular airborne contaminants

schedule 19, definition *exposure limit*

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1 Purpose of schedule

A workplace exposure limit stated in the table in this schedule for a substance replaces the workplace exposure limit for the substance stated in the WEL list.

Note—

For workplace exposure limits for substances not mentioned in the table, see the WEL list.

2 Exposure limits for particular substances

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Chemical name	**CAS number**	**Workplace exposure limit**		
			TWA	**STEL**	**Peak limitation**
1	Bitumen fumes	8052-42-4	5mg/m³		
2	Diesel particulate matter (as respirable elemental carbon)		0.1mg/m³		
3	Flour (cereal) dust		no limit		
4	Grain dust (oats, wheat, barley)		4mg/m³		
5	Hydrogen fluoride (as flourine)	7664-39-3			3ppm 2.6mg/m³
6	Manganese fume (as manganese)	7439-96-5	1mg/m³	3mg/m³	
7	Manganese dust and compounds (as manganese)		1mg/m³		

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Chemical name	CAS number	Workplace exposure limit		
			TWA	STEL	Peak limitation
8	Manganese fume, dust and compounds (as respirable manganese)		no limit		
9	Methyl bromide	74-83-9	5ppm 19mg/m³		
10	Nickel metal and powder	7440-02-0	1mg/m³		
11	Nickel sulfide roasting fume and dust (as nickel)		1mg/m³		
12	Nitric oxide	10102-43-9	25ppm 31mg/m³		
13	Perchloroethylene	127-18-4	50ppm 340mg/m³	150ppm 1,020mg/m³	
14	Phosphine	7803-51-2	0.3ppm 0.42mg/m³	1ppm 1.4mg/m³	
15	Portland cement	65997-15-1	10mg/m³		
16	Portland cement (respirable dust)	65997-15-1	no limit		
17	Styrene, monomer	100-42-5	50ppm 213mg/m³	100ppm 426mg/m³	
18	Sulfur dioxide	7446-09-5	2ppm 5.2mg/m³	5ppm 13mg/m³	

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	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
	Chemical name	CAS number	Workplace exposure limit		
			TWA	STEL	Peak limitation
19	Wood dust (softwood)		5mg/m³	10mg/m³	

19 Amendment of sch 19 (Dictionary)

(1) Schedule 19, definition *exposure standard*—

omit.

(2) Schedule 19—

insert—

exposure limit, for a substance, means the workplace exposure limit stated in the WEL list, as modified by schedule 18D.

WEL list means the document called 'Workplace exposure limits for airborne contaminants', published by Safe Work Australia, as in force from time to time.

Notes—

1 A copy of the document is available on the website of Safe Work Australia.

2 Schedule 18D replaces some workplace exposure limits stated in the WEL list.

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ENDNOTES

1 Made by the Governor in Council on 19 November 2026.

2 Notified on the Queensland legislation website on 20 November 2026.

3 The administering agency is the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

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