



Work Health and Safety Amendment (Silica Workplace Exposure Standards) Regulations 2020

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, make the following regulations.

Dated 25 June 2020

David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Christian Porter
Minister for Industrial Relations

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Work Health and Safety Amendment (Silica Workplace Exposure Standards) Regulations 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	1 July 2020.	1 July 2020

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

4 Schedules

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

Schedule 1—Amendments

Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011

1 Subregulation 5(1)

Insert:

crystalline silica means any of the following chemicals:

- (a) cristobalite (respirable dust);
- (b) quartz (respirable dust);
- (c) tridymite (respirable dust);
- (d) tripoli (respirable dust).

2 Subregulation 5(1) (definition of *exposure standard*)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

exposure standard, except in Part 4.1, means:

- (a) for a chemical that is *crystalline silica*—the exposure standard for the chemical that is set out in the document titled *Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants*, dated 16 December 2019 and published by Safe Work Australia; or
- (b) otherwise—an exposure standard set out in the document titled *Workplace Exposure Standards for Airborne Contaminants*, dated 22 December 2011 and published by Safe Work Australia.

Note: The documents referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) could in 2020 be viewed on Safe Work Australia's website (www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au).