
2018-2019 Local Government Public Health Act Optional Reporting

Overview

The 2018/2019 Local Government optional reporting is designed to assist the WA Department of Health with the Regulation Review Program that is currently being undertaken as part of the *Public Health Act 2016* implementation. The consultation is based on activities undertaken during the 2018/2019 financial year and occurs in conjunction with *Public Health Act 2016* and *Food Act 2008* Local Government mandatory reporting.

Why we are consulting

In the lead up to stage 5 of implementation of the ***Public Health Act 2016***

<<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Improving-WA-Health/Public-health/Public-Health-Act>> the WA Department of Health must review all regulations adopted under the ***Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911***

<https://www.slp.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_412_homepage.html> , as well as a number of provisions within the Act that will be repealed at stage 5. The aim is to determine whether these public health risks must continue to be regulated under the new regulatory framework provided by the Public Health Act or can be managed in other ways such as a local law, other legislation or a guideline.

Some of the regulations being reviewed include:

- *Health (Skin Penetration Procedure) Regulations 1998*
- *Health (Garden Soil) Regulations 1998*
- *Fly Eradication Regulations 1961*
- *Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011*
- *Health (Prescribed Insect Pests) Regulations 1991*
- *Construction Camp Regulations 1970*
- *Health (Air-Handling and Water Systems) Regulations 1994*
- *Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007*
- *Health (Offensive Trades Fees) Regulations 1976*
- *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992*
- *Health (Section 112(2) Prohibition) Regulations 2006*

- *Health Act (Carbon Monoxide) Regulations 1975*
- *Health Act (Laundries and Bathrooms) Regulations*
- *Piggeries Regulations 1952*
- *Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974*

All responses received will be used to assist the Department of Health in determining how public health risks should be managed in Western Australia under the *Public Health Act 2016* going forward.

Introductory text

All questions relate to the implementation and enforcement of regulations under the *Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911* and investigates the need to make similar regulations under the *Public Health Act 2016*. All responses assist the Department in their review process, however there is no obligation to provide an answer if it is not possible.

If the answer is none or you do not record this type of information, please indicate this.

Local Government Details

Please select your Local Government from the list below and provide a contact email address.

(Required)

Please select only one item

- Albany, City of Armadale, City of Ashburton, Shire of
- Augusta-Margaret River, Shire of Bassendean, Town of Bayswater, City of
- Belmont, City of Beverley, Shire of Boddington, Shire of
- Boyup Brook, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes, Shire of Brookton, Shire of
- Broome, Shire of Broomehill-Tambellup, Shire of Bruce Rock, Shire of
- Bunbury, City of Busselton, City of Cambridge, Town of Canning, City of
- Capel, Shire of Carnamah, Shire of Carnarvon, Shire of
- Chapman Valley, Shire of Chittering, Shire of Claremont, Town of
- Cockburn, City of Collie, Shire of Coolgardie, Shire of Coorow, Shire of
- Corrigin, Shire of Cottesloe, Town of Cranbrook, Shire of
- Cuballing, Shire of Cue, Shire of Cunderdin, Shire of Dalwallinu, Shire of
- Dandaragan, Shire of Dardanup, Shire of Denmark, Shire of
- Derby-West Kimberley, Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup, Shire of
- Dowerin, Shire of Dumbleyung, Shire of Dundas, Shire of
- East Fremantle, Town of East Pilbara, Shire of Esperance, Shire of
- Exmouth, Shire of Fremantle, City of Gingin, Shire of
- Gnowangerup, Shire of Gosnells, City of Greater Geraldton, City of
- Halls Creek, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Irwin, Shire of
- Jerramungup, Shire of Joondalup, City of Kalamunda, City of
- Kalgoorlie-Boulder, City of Karratha, City of Katanning, Shire of
- Kellerberrin, Shire of Kent, Shire of Kojonup, Shire of Kondinin, Shire of
- Koorda, Shire of Kulin, Shire of Kwinana, City of Lake Grace, Shire of
- Laverton, Shire of Leonora, Shire of Mandurah, City of Manjimup, Shire of
- Meekatharra, Shire of Melville, City of Menzies, Shire of
- Merredin, Shire of Mingenew, Shire of Moora, Shire of Morawa, Shire of
- Mosman Park, Town of Mount Magnet, Shire of Mount Marshall, Shire of
- Mukinbudin, Shire of Mundaring, Shire of Murchison, Shire of
- Murray, Shire of Nannup, Shire of Narembeen, Shire of Narrogin, Shire of
- Nedlands, City of Ngaanyatjaraku, Shire of Northam, Shire of
- Northampton, Shire of Nungarin, Shire of Peppermint Grove, Shire of

- Perenjori, Shire of Perth, City of Pingelly, Shire of Plantagenet, Shire of
 Port Hedland, Town of Quairading, Shire of Ravensthorpe, Shire of
 Rockingham, City of Sandstone, Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale, Shire of
 Shark Bay, Shire of South Perth, City of Stirling, City of Subiaco, City of
 Swan, City of Tammin, Shire of Three Springs, Shire of Toodyay, Shire of
 Trayning, Shire of Upper Gascoyne, Shire of Victoria Park, Town of
 Victoria Plains, Shire of Vincent, City of Wagin, Shire of
 Wandering, Shire of Wanneroo, City of Waroona, Shire of
 West Arthur, Shire of Westonia, Shire of Wickepin, Shire of
 Williams, Shire of Wiluna, Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, Shire of
 Woodanilling, Shire of Wyalkatchem, Shire of
 Wyndham East Kimberley, Shire of Yalgoo, Shire of Yilgarn, Shire of
 York, Shire of

Contact email address (optional)

Events

As part of the review of the *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992* the Department is reviewing the management of events.

Generally

What is the most critical issue facing Public Health Act Authorised Officers in the management of events?

Does your Local Government have an events, recreation or bookings team/officer (or similar) who manages aspects of events?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Does your Local Government manage functions or events under any current local laws?

Please select only one item

Yes No Unsure

In the 2018/2019 financial year

How many events were approved?

Do you classify events based on risk?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, how many were:

Low risk events

Medium risk events

High risk events

Other (please provide details)

How many events had:

Less than 50 people

50 - 500 people

500 - 1000 people

1000 - 5000 people

5000 - 10000 people

10000 + people

Do you charge a fee for approving an event?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, what approval fee do you charge for:

Low risk events

Medium risk events

High risk events

Other/no risk classification (please provide details)

How many events have reported or experienced crowd crush issues or near-misses?

Additional Comments

Public Buildings

The DOH is reviewing the *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992*. The following questions relate specifically to permanent buildings and do not include outdoor events which may also be captured by the regulations.

Generally

How many public buildings are there in your Local Government?

As an estimate, how many Crown buildings in your Local Government would you consider to be public buildings by nature?

How many of your public buildings do you consider:

Low Risk

Medium risk

High Risk

Other/no risk classification (please provide details)

Do you charge an approval fee for public buildings?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, what approval fee do you charge for:

Low risk buildings

Medium risk buildings

High risk buildings

Other/no risk classification (please provide details)

Do you charge an inspection fee?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, what inspection fee do you charge?

Additional Comments

In the 2018/2019 financial year

How many complaints have you received about public buildings?

How many of the complaints were about Crown buildings?

How many instances of overcrowding have been reported, observed or investigated?

Additional Comments

Healthy Homes

Laundries and bathrooms

The Department is reviewing the *Health Act (Laundries and Bathrooms) Regulations* and the *Sewerage (Lighting, Ventilation and Construction) Regulations 1971*.

In the 2018/2019 financial year:

How many complaints were related to residential laundries, bathrooms or toilets?

Did you conduct any inspections of residential laundries, bathrooms and toilets? If so, how many?

Additional Comments

Lodging Houses

The Department of Health is reviewing management of lodging houses in Western Australia.

Generally:

How many lodging houses are there in your local government?

What is your registration fee for lodging houses?

Do you believe there is a need for legislation on lodging houses?

In the 2018/2019 financial year:

How many complaints were received in regard to a lodging house?

How many of these complaints concerned a registered lodging house?

Are you aware of unregistered lodging houses in your district (such as overcrowding of unrelated tenants in private dwellings)?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Have you commenced any legal proceedings relating to a lodging house?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Have you conducted any inspections of a lodging house?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, how many?

Have there been any illnesses linked to the operation of a lodging house in your district? If yes, please provide details.

Houses unfit for human habitation

The Department of Health is reviewing the management of houses unfit for human habitation in Western Australia.

In the 2018/2019 financial year:

How many complaints were received related to hoarding?

How many complaints were received related to squalor?

What is the number of known cases of hoarding in your district?

What is the number of known cases of hoarding with resident living in squalor in your district?

How many houses were declared unfit for human habitation?

Number of houses

How many of those were due to hoarding or squalor?

How many complaints were received related to dampness or mould in housing?

How many complaints were received to lack of ventilation, poor air quality or lighting in housing?

Additional Comments

Has your local government produced a public health plan?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Comments

If yes

Please provide a website link to the plan

Is the plan still current?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If no, does your Local Government intend to produce another public health plan prior to the enactment of Part 5 of the Public Health Act?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Who was responsible for developing the plan on behalf of your Local Government?

Please select only one item

Existing employee Consultant Other

If other, please provide details

Did you partner with/or contact any of the following Local Health Service Provider (e.g. North, South, East Metropolitan Health Service or the WA Country Health Service) in the development of the plan?

Please select only one item

Yes No Unsure

Did your Local Government partner with any not-for-profits organisations in the development/implementation of your Public Health Plan?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, please provide details and feedback on the experience

Comments

If no

If your Local Government does not have a public health plan, does your Local Government intend to produce a public health plan prior to the enactment of Part 5 of the Public Health Act?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Comments

Are you aware that the Area Health Services (e.g. North, South, East Metropolitan Health Service or the WA Country Health Service) can assist with providing specific health profile data to support the public health planning process?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Comments

Have you used the public health planning resources that are available through the Department of Health website to assist local governments with the development of their public health plan?

More Information

Department of Health Website

<http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Improving-WA-Health/Public-health/Public-Health-Act/Preparing-local-government-enforcement-agencies/Public-Health-Planning>

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Please select only one item

Yes No

Comments

Does your Local Government have a policy on:

Yes

No

Tobacco/smoke-free
environments

Please select only one item

Alcohol management

Please select only one item

Shade

Please select only one item

Fast food

Please select only one item

Climate change

Please select only one item

Other health related policies? Please specify

Water

The Department of Health is proposing to establish a new regulatory framework for the management of public health risks associated with drinking water. These questions relate to drinking water supplies.

Drinking water supplies

How many premises are there in your district that are NOT directly supplied by a licensed drinking water scheme supply AND provide drinking water to members of the public?

Example of premises accessible to the public

Roadhouses, regional airports, local government facilities, caravan parks, shops, schools, camp sites.

Number of premises

How many of these premises are owned by the Local Government?

Do you provide a service to test private water supplies in your district?

Please select only one item

- Yes - Microbiological quality only Yes - Microbiological and chemical quality
 No

If yes, on what basis do you undertake the testing?

Please select all that apply

- Part of routine sampling program Food premises Public building
 Incident-response When requested by owner

Water carters

How many drinking water carting businesses are in operation in your district?

Do you have a process in place to register drinking water carting businesses that operate within your district?

Please select only one item

Yes No

Does the Local Government operate stand pipes connected to a licensed drinking water scheme?

Please select only one item

Yes No Unsure

If yes, who has access to the water from these stand pipes?

Wastewater

The Department of Health is currently reviewing the *Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste) Regulations 1974* (Wastewater Regulations). The following questions relate to the enforcement of the current regulations.

Approvals and Permits

How many applications for the approval of construction or installation of an apparatus for the treatment of sewage under the Wastewater Regulations have the local government received in the 2018/2019 financial year?

How many local government reports have the local government issued under Regulation 4A(1) of the Wastewater Regulations in the 2018/2019 financial year?

How many Permit to Use have the local government issued under Regulation 10(2) of the Wastewater Regulations in the 2018/2019 financial year?

Aerobic Treatment Units (ATUs)

Does the Local Government maintain a listing of ATU installations in the district?

Please select only one item

Yes No

If yes, how many ATUs are currently installed in your district?

If yes, does the Local Government keep track of the servicing of these ATUs?

Please select only one item

Yes No Not Sure

How many complaints relating to inadequate servicing (or failure) of ATUs have the Local Government received in the 2018/2019 financial year?

What are the common issues raised by Authorised Service Persons in their service reports received by your Local Government?