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, the WA Department of Health must review all regulations adopted under the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911, as well as a number of provisions within the Act that will be repealed at stage 5.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 (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007
- Health (Offensive Trades Fees) Regulations 1976
- Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992
- Health (Section 112(2) Prohibition) Regulations 2006
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.
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
- Clarement, 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
- Minganjurrup, 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
- Ngaanyatjarra, Shire of
- Northam, Shire of
- Northampton, Shire of
- Nungarin, Shire of
- Peppermint Grove, Shire of
Events

As part of the review of the *Health (Public Buildings) Regulations 1992* the Department is reviewing the management of events.
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 - 100000 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:

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Other/no risk classification (please provide details)

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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:*

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

**Generally:**

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<td>How many lodging houses are there in your local government?</td>
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<td>What is your registration fee for lodging houses?</td>
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<td>Do you believe there is a need for legislation on lodging houses?</td>
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**In the 2018/2019 financial year:**

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<td>How many complaints were received in regard to a lodging house?</td>
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<td>How many of these complaints concerned a registered lodging house?</td>
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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?

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

**In the 2018/2019 financial year:**

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<td>How many complaints were received related to hoarding?</td>
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<td>How many complaints were received related to squalor?</td>
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<td>What is the number of known cases of hoarding in your district?</td>
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<td>What is the number of known cases of hoarding with resident living in squalor in your district?</td>
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<td>How many houses were declared unfit for human habitation?</td>
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<td>How many of those were due to hoarding or squalor?</td>
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<td>How many complaints were received related to dampness or mould in housing?</td>
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<td>How many complaints were received to lack of ventilation, poor air quality or lighting in housing?</td>
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**Additional Comments**

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Public Health Planning
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

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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


*Please select only one item*

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Comments
Does your Local Government have a policy on:

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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?