

Victorian Licence for High Risk Work

Do you operate high risk equipment?

There's a new Licence to Perform High Risk Work

The safety laws that allow you to operate forklifts and other high risk equipment have changed. As a result, you now need to transfer from your existing ticket to the new 'Licence to Perform High Risk Work'.

The new licence is being introduced to align with national safety standards, improve interstate recognition of your skills and better protect against fraud by incorporating your photo into the licence.

First time applicants should contact an authorised license assessor to book in a test.

All existing tickets will expire between 31 January 2008 and 30 June 2012, depending on when they were first issued. You do not need to re-qualify or be re-assessed if you transfer to the new licence before your current ticket expires.

Transferring to the new licence

There are three steps to the transfer process.

1. Register online NOW

You must register in order for WorkSafe to send you a Licence to Perform High Risk Work Transfer Application Form.

Register at www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/highriskwork. You will need to provide your Certificate number and date of issue. If you have more than one Certificate, use the earliest date. If you can't provide your certificate number or issue date, contact WorkSafe Victoria's Licensing Branch at licensing@worksafe.vic.gov.au or call 1300 852 562.

2. Complete the application form

Three months before your existing Certificate expires, WorkSafe will send you a Licence to Perform High Risk Work Transfer Application pack. You will then have three months to lodge the completed form before your Certificate expires. Complete the form, but do not sign it. Your signature must be witnessed by an Australia Post Officer at lodgement.

3. Lodge the application form

The application form must be lodged by you, in person, at an Australia Post outlet. You can find your nearest outlet on the Australia Post website, at www.auspost.com.au. You must take your completed, original form, at least 100 points of ID, all your current Victorian issued Certificates, a recent passport size photo of yourself, and the application fee of \$45.

Australia Post will process your application on behalf of WorkSafe. You should receive your licence within 4 weeks - more complex applications may take longer.

A full explanation of the application process will be provided with your Transfer Application Form.

How to find out more:

For more information, contact the WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136 089, or go to www.worksafe.vic.gov.au/highriskwork.

For application enquiries, contact the WorkSafe Licensing Branch on 1300 852 562 or at licensing@worksafe.vic.gov.au

Pre-Christmas Death Zone

WorkSafe is urging employers, supervisors and workers to do all they can to prevent serious injuries and deaths before Christmas.

The community is increasingly aware of the need to develop and maintain safe work practices, but we know much more can be done, particularly when the pressure is on.

No one can afford to allow shortcuts to be taken with safety. What is often forgotten is that many serious injuries and so-called near-misses could have resulted in death.

Everyone's aim should be zero deaths and serious injuries. However, there is a consistent seasonal increase in fatalities ahead of what should be the happiest time of year.

Ensuring people have the right training, suitable equipment and appropriate supervision must be a priority.

Supervisors have a tough job, but safety must be paramount, especially as young or relatively inexperienced people are often moving into the job market around Christmas.

Not considering safety along with commercial needs creates a dangerous situation which can have enormous human and commercial ramifications. It's not worth the risk.

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