



PATHWAYS TO ERADICATION

Additional Asbestos Management Plan Requirements effective 1 July 2020

November 2019

OVERVIEW

This information sheet outlines the planned changes to Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) requirements for privately-owned properties affected by loose fill asbestos insulation. These additional obligations will become effective on 1 July 2020.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The Dangerous Substances (General) Regulation 2004 (DS Regulation) has, since February 2016, required homeowners of privately-owned affected properties to have an AMP prepared and lodged with WorkSafe ACT.

WHAT IS CHANGING ON 1 JULY 2020?

1. Publishing the AMP status on the Affected Residential Premises Register

The Affected Residential Premises Register (the Register) will include a status flag showing whether a property requires an AMP and whether it has a current AMP in place.

Publishing the AMP status of remaining affected properties on the Register assists to maintain community safety, particularly for tradespeople and care workers, by allowing them to easily understand the risk associated with work they are being asked to undertake at an affected property.

2. Displaying the AMP at or near the main entrance of the property

Owners / residents of an affected property will be required to display the AMP report in a case installed at or near the main entrance of the property. The display case will be supplied and installed by the Asbestos Response Taskforce (Taskforce).

The displayed AMP report will have personal details such as names and contact details redacted, and asbestos assessors will be instructed to ensure photographs in the report focus only on the area required and do not display personal belongings.

3. Validity period of the AMP

The validity period of new AMPs will be set between 6 and 24 months, as determined appropriate to each individual property by the licensed asbestos assessor.

WHO PAYS FOR THE AMP?

The cost of obtaining an AMP will remain the responsibility of the homeowner.

If a homeowner is experiencing financial hardship, an approach can be made to the Taskforce to seek a partial pre-release of relocation assistance equal to the cost of obtaining an AMP. This amount will be deducted from the final relocation assistance package payment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can:

- Visit the Access Canberra website
www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/answers/detail/a_id/50#!tabs-4b
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