

Plant – **Designated plant**

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This information bulletin outlines the requirements for registration and inspection of designated plant in the Northern Territory and provides advice to owners of designated plant on avoiding delays when bringing designated plant into the Northern Territory from interstate.

What is designated plant?

Designated plant is high hazard items of equipment. They require registration with regulatory authorities, regular maintenance and periodic inspection by a third party inspector. It is illegal and potentially unsafe to operate designated plant without current certificates of registration and inspection.

A significant percentage of plant required for rail construction will not be available in the Northern Territory and consequently will be sourced from other States.

NT WorkSafe has provided the following guidelines to assist owners of designated plant to import and operate their plant in the Northern Territory with minimum interruption to work programs.

Registration

Plant can be registered in the Northern Territory at any time prior to its import. Registration is dependent on design verification. There are mutual recognition agreements between all States and Territories. If your plant design has been accepted in another State you will only need to provide written evidence of this approval upon which reciprocal design registration will be granted.

Owners will be required to complete a registration form and pay a \$20 application fee to have their plant registered in the Northern Territory. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting [Territory Business Centres](#) or [NT WorkSafe](#).

Inspection

Designated plant requires current certificates of inspection prior to commencement of work in the Northern Territory. In the Northern Territory inspections must be carried out by a designated third party inspector, known as a **Designated Plant Inspector (DPI)**.

Plant that is not normally fixed plant entering the Northern Territory with a current certificate of inspection from another State or Territory is deemed to comply with inspection requirements for the duration of the certificate.

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Due to the remote locations of much of the work being conducted on the rail project, owners of plant requiring inspection may experience time delays and expense in engaging a third party inspector.

NT WorkSafe advice

To reduce the likelihood of any delays, NT WorkSafe provides the following advice:

- Ensure your plant is registered and has a current certificate of inspection prior to arriving in the Northern Territory.
- Ensure that log books, maintenance records and operation manuals for your plant are current and available.
- Plan for your inspection period well in advance.
- Where possible align the inspection periods for multiple items of plant to reduce inspection costs.
- Contact Territory Business Centres or NT WorkSafe for a current list of Designated Plant Inspectors (DPI's) registered in the Northern Territory. Or access information bulletin [12.02.02](#) at NT WorkSafe website.
- In certain circumstances, NT WorkSafe in consultation with the person who last inspected the item, can assist by extending inspection periods. This may assist with inspector availability and inspection period alignment. This is not automatic and will depend on service, maintenance and inspection history.

Licensing

Operators of some industrial equipment are required to be licensed. Since 1995 there has been a national licensing program. Operators holding State and Territory licences will require a national licence to operate equipment in the Northern Territory. All States and Territories offer a national licensing service. Operators should obtain national licences in their State or Territory prior to coming to the Northern Territory to avoid reassessment requirements.

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