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### ***Return to Work Amendment Regulations 2016***

I, John Laurence Hardy, Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, make the following regulations under the *Return to Work Act*.

Dated 28 June 2016

J. L. HARDY  
Administrator

By His Honour's Command

P. D. STYLES  
Minister for Business

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\* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 1 July 2016.

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**1 Citation**

These Regulations may be cited as the *Return to Work Amendment Regulations 2016*.

**2 Regulations amended**

These Regulations amend the *Return to Work Regulations*.

**3 Schedule 2 replaced**

Schedule 2

*repeal, insert*

**Schedule 2 Prescribed diseases and kinds of employment**

regulation 5AB

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**Diseases and kinds of Diseases****Kinds of Employment**

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**INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

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| 1. Anthrax           | All work involving animals or animal carcasses (such as animal handler, pelt handler, abattoir worker, meat inspector).  |
| 2. Brucellosis       | All work involving animals or animal carcasses (such as veterinarian, farmer or farm worker, abattoir worker, laboratory worker).  |
| 3. Hepatitis A       | All work involving contact with human waste (such as child care workers, carers of intellectually disabled persons, workers in rural or remote indigenous communities, sewage workers, plumbers).  |
| 4. Hepatitis B and C | All work involving contact with human bodily secretions (such as health care worker, embalmer, person who handles body substances, clinical laboratory staff, worker in long-term correctional facilities, police, member of the armed forces, emergency services worker). |

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5.	HIV/AIDS	Health care workers and laboratory workers who become HIV positive after a needle stick injury.
6.	Leptospirosis	All work involving animals or animal carcasses (such as farmer or farm worker, abattoir worker, forestry worker, hunter, veterinarian, livestock transport operator) or work with animal or human waste (such as plumber).
7.	Orf	All work involving sheep or sheep carcasses (such as sheep farmer or farm worker, goat farmer or farm worker, abattoir worker, meat inspector).
8.	Q-fever	All work involving contact with animals or animal parts in a rural setting (such as abattoir workers, stock workers, stock transporters, shearers, hide processors, farmers, veterinarians).
9.	Tuberculosis	All work involving contact with persons or animals in situations where tuberculosis prevalence is likely to be significantly higher than the general community (such as health worker, clinical laboratory worker, funeral parlour staff, farmer, veterinarian), or person with silicosis.

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## **MALIGNANCY**

10.	Salivary gland	All work involving ionizing radiation.
11.	Nasopharynx	All work involving formaldehyde, wood dust.
12.	Oesophagus	All work involving ionizing radiation.
13.	Stomach	All work involving ionizing radiation.
14.	Colon and rectum	All work involving ionizing radiation.
15.	Liver	All work involving vinyl chloride monomer, Hepatitis B virus or Hepatitis C virus exposure related to occupation.
16.	Nasal cavity and para-nasal sinuses	All work involving ionizing radiation, leather dust, nickel, wood dust.

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17.	Larynx	All work involving strong inorganic acid mist, asbestos.
18.	Lung	All work involving arsenic, asbestos, beryllium, bis(chloromethyl)ether, cadmium, chromium VI, diesel engine exhaust, environmental tobacco smoke, ionizing radiation, nickel, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, Radon-222 and its decay products, silica dust (crystalline), soot (chimney sweeping).
19.	Bone	All work involving ionizing radiation.
20.	Skin (melanoma)	All work involving solar radiation, polychlorinated biphenyls.
21.	Skin (non-melanoma)	All work involving ionizing radiation, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, solar radiation.
22.	Mesothelioma	All work involving asbestos.
23.	Breast (female)	All work involving ionizing radiation.
24.	Ovary	All work involving asbestos.
25.	Kidney	All work involving ionizing radiation, trichloroethylene.
26.	Bladder	All work involving 2-naphthylamine, benzidine, cyclophosphamide, ionizing radiation, ortho-toluidine, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons associated with aluminium production.
27.	Brain	All work involving ionizing radiation.
28.	Thyroid	All work involving ionizing radiation.
29.	Leukaemia (excluding chronic lymphatic leukaemia)	All work involving benzene, butadiene, cyclophosphamide, formaldehyde, hepatitis C virus exposure related to occupation, ionizing radiation.
30.	Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma	All work involving ionizing radiation.

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## **DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM**

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| 31. | Parkinson's disease        | All work involving manganese.   |
| 32. | Peripheral neuropathy      | All work involving metals (such as lead, mercury and arsenic), organic solvents (such as n-hexane, carbon disulphide and trichloroethylene), pesticides (such as organophosphates), acrylamide. |
| 33. | Noise induced hearing loss | All work involving exposure to persistent or intermittent noise above 85dB(A).  |
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## **RESPIRATORY DISEASES**

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| 34. | Occupational asthma (excluding pre-existing asthma worsened due to exposure to workplace irritants) | All work involving sensitising agents or irritants.  |
| 35. | Coal workers' pneumoconiosis  | All work involving coal.   |
| 36. | Asbestosis  | All work involving asbestos.   |
| 37. | Silicosis   | All work involving silica.   |
| 38. | Other pneumoconiosis  | All work involving exposures known to occasionally cause pneumoconiosis such as beryllium, tin, iron oxide, barium, aluminium, cobalt, tungsten. |
| 39. | Byssinosis  | All work involving cotton, flax, hemp, sisal dust.   |
| 40. | Extrinsic allergic alveolitis   | All work involving damp material of biological origin, such as mouldy hay, straw, grain and feathers.  |
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## **HEPATIC DISEASES**

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| 41. | Non-infectious hepatitis | All work involving agents known to cause hepatitis (particularly organic solvents).  |
| 42. | Chronic active hepatitis | All work involving contact with human bodily secretions (such as health care worker, embalmer, person who handles body substances, clinical laboratory staff, worker in long-term correctional facilities, |
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	police, member of the armed forces, emergency services worker) – for a person with known Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) or Hepatitis C Virus (HCV), where the HBV or HCV was contracted through employment in such work.
43. Hepatic cirrhosis	All work involving contact with human bodily secretions (such as health care worker, embalmer, person who handles body substances, clinical laboratory staff, worker in long-term correctional facilities, police, member of the armed forces, emergency services worker) – for a person with known HBV or HCV, where the HBV or HCV was contracted through employment in such work.

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## SKIN DISEASES

44. Contact dermatitis (irritant and allergic)	All work involving sensitising agents or irritants.
45. Occupational vitiligo	All work involving para-tertiary-butylphenol, para-tertiary-butylcatechol, para-amyphenol, hydroquinone, or the monobenzyl or monobutyl ether of hydroquinone.

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## MUSCULOSKELETAL DISEASES

46. Raynaud's disease	All work involving vibration from powered tools and equipment.
47. Bursitis (at the elbow or knee)	All work involving prolonged external friction or pressure or repetitive motion at or about the elbow or the knee.

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## ACUTE POISONING/TOXICITY

48. Acute poisoning / toxicity (includes acute damage to the heart, lungs, liver, kidney, nervous system and blood)	All work involving acrylonitrile, alcohols, antimony, arsenic, benzene, beryllium, cadmium, carbon disulphide, chromium, copper, fluorine, glycols, hexane, ketones, lead, manganese, mercury, mineral acids, nitroglycerine or other nitric acid esters, osmium, oxides of nitrogen, ozone, pesticides consisting of organophosphate and organochlorine
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compounds, herbicides and related compounds, pharmaceutical agents, phosgene, phosphorus, selenium, styrene, thallium, tin, toluene, vanadium, zinc, chemical asphyxiants (such as carbon monoxide, hydrogen cyanide, hydrogen sulphide, methylene chloride), benzoquinone and other corneal irritants, toxic halogen derivatives of aliphatic or aromatic hydrocarbons, toxic nitro- and amino-derivatives of benzene, and other less common, specific substances known to result in poisoning/toxicity that have not been named here.

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#### **4 Expiry of Regulations**

These Regulations expire on the day after they commence.