



## Physician – personal information collection notice

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We, the Department of Health and Aged Care (**the Department**), run the National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (**National Registry**) for the Commonwealth Government.

The National Registry holds details on individuals with a work related respiratory disease. The main purpose of the National Registry is to prevent further worker exposure to hazardous agents that cause respiratory diseases. Hazardous agents include dusts, gases, fumes, vapours, mists, fungi and fibres.

This notice details how the Department will handle your personal information. The law provides protections on the collection, use and sharing of your personal information. The legal protections include the *Privacy Act 1988* (**Privacy Act**) and the Australian Privacy Principles (**APPs**).

### Why is my personal information needed?

We collect personal information under the *National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry Act 2023* (**NORDR Act**) about people that use the National Registry.

We use your personal information to check your identity and register you to use the National Registry. We may also use it to contact you about your use of the National Registry.

### What personal information do we need?

We need the following personal information about you:

- your name, work email address and contact details.
- your myGovID email address to check your identity.
- your medical speciality.
- the name of your medical organisation or practice.

### Who will we share your information with?

We share your personal information with:

- relevant State and Territory health, and work health and safety agencies, when sharing respiratory disease notifications of relevance to that jurisdiction. They may contact you to get more information;
- other physicians that are treating individuals you have reported to the National Registry;
- the Department's subcontractors that work on the National Registry; or
- where authorised or required by law.

We are unlikely to share your personal information outside of Australia.

### **What happens if I don't supply my personal information?**

If you do not supply your personal information you will be unable to access the National Registry to meet your obligations under the NORDR Act. If you do not meet your obligations under the NORDR Act you may be subject to civil penalties.

### **How safe will my information be?**

Under the Privacy Act, we must take reasonable steps to protect your personal information. This includes the secure storage of your personal information.

### **Our privacy policy**

You can get more information at: <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/privacy-policy>

If you wish to complain about the handling of your personal information, you can contact the Department:

- by telephone: 02 6289 1555, or
- by email: [privacy@health.gov.au](mailto:privacy@health.gov.au).