



NOTE TO INDUSTRY (NTI)

TOPIC DUTY OF REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER TO REPORT OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES				Reference Number 2023/NTI/11
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Purpose: This Note to Industry (NTI) seeks to inform medical practitioners who are registered under the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act (Chapter 112) in Brunei Darussalam on their legal duty to report occupational disease to the Authority.

The Safety, Health and Environment National Authority (SHENA) would like to remind all registered medical practitioners practicing within Brunei Darussalam on the legal requirement under Regulation 6(2) of the Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) Regulations, 2014 to report any cases of occupational disease to the Authority not later than 10 days after the diagnosis.

Reporting of occupational disease can be done online by completing the Initial Incident Notification form available on the SHENA website www.shena.gov.bn and accessible via the QR code as appeared in **Appendix A**. The list of reportable Occupational Diseases is included as **Appendix B, as specified under the Third Schedule of the current Workplace Safety and Health Order, 2009.**

Medical practitioners are also advised to refer any suspected Occupational Disease via a referral letter to Occupational Health Clinic, Ministry of Health, Level 1, Health Screening Centre, Jalan Delima Dua, Berakas BB2313 or via email: occuphealth@moh.gov.bn. The referral letter is to include the patient's contact details. Please refer to **Appendix C** for the process flowchart for referral and reporting.

Under-reporting of occupational diseases continues to be a nationwide concern as it hinders the necessary regulatory action required to ensure the adequate protection of workers and their working environment. Based on statistics received from the Ministry of Health, a total of 108 cases of occupational diseases were recorded between 2017-2022.

Any registered medical practitioner who fails to report occupational diseases to the Authority is in contravention of Regulation 6(2) of the Workplace Safety and Health (Incident Reporting) Regulations, 2014 is guilty of an offence liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 for the first offence and for further subsequent offences, a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both.

Please submit any further clarifications or query at the "General Enquiries" button on the SHENA website www.shena.gov.bn or contact the SHENA Office general line at + 673 2382000 anytime during office hours.

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APPENDIX A

QR CODE FOR INITIAL INCIDENT NOTIFICATION REPORTING TO SHENA



WEBSITE LINK:

<https://shena.gov.bn/incident-reporting-form>

APPENDIX B

**OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES AS SPECIFIED UNDER THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF
THE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH ORDER, 2009 (WSHO, 2009) UPDATED
AS PER THE WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH (AMENDMENT) ORDER, 2013**

1. Aniline poisoning
2. Anthrax
3. Arsenical poisoning
4. Asbestosis
5. Barotrauma
6. Beryllium poisoning
7. Byssinosis
8. Cadmium poisoning
9. Carbon bisulphide poisoning
10. Carbon dioxide poisoning
11. Carbon monoxide poisoning
12. Cataract
13. Chrome ulceration
14. Chronic benzene poisoning
15. Compressed air illness
16. Cyanide poisoning
17. Epitheliomatous ulceration (due to tar, pitch, bitumen, mineral oil or paraffin or any compound, product or residue of any such substance)
18. Glanders
19. Hydrogen sulphide poisoning
20. Lead poisoning
21. Leptospirosis
22. Liver angiosarcoma
23. Manganese poisoning
24. Mercurial poisoning
25. Mesothelioma
26. Nitrous fumes poisoning
27. Noise-induced deafness
28. Occupational skin diseases
29. Occupational asthma
30. Pesticide poisoning
31. Phosphorus poisoning
32. Poisoning from halogen derivatives of hydrocarbon compounds
33. Radiation
34. Rengas wood poisoning
35. Repetitive strain disorders
36. Silicosis
37. Toxic anaemia
38. Toxic hepatitis
39. Tuberculosis

APPENDIX C



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FLOWCHART FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE (OD) REPORTING BY REGISTERED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

