

OHS administering organisations

Table indicating the range of organisations involved in administering and policing OHS and workers' compensation (WC)

Referred to in paragraph 4.83

| Jurisdiction | Administering organisation and its accountability |
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| Commonwealth | The Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, Comcare and Australian Safety and Compensation Council (from August 2005) [WC and OHS] - responsible to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations |
| Seafarers | Seacare Authority [WC and OHS] - reports to the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations |
| New South Wales | WorkCover Authority of NSW (WorkCover NSW) [WC and OHS] - responsible to the Minister for Commerce |
| Victoria | Victorian WorkCover Authority [WC and OHS]. WorkSafe Victoria is the VWA's OHS arm - responsible to the Minister for WorkCover who is also the Minister for Industrial Relations (Department of Industry and Regional Development). |
| Queensland | Division of Workplace Health and Safety [OHS] – a division of the Department of Industrial Relations - responsible to the Minister for Industrial Relations |
| Western Australia | WorkSafe Division [OHS] of the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection (IR is included in the portfolio) - responsible to the Minister for Consumer and Employment Protection |
| South Australia | WorkCover Corporation [WC and OHS] - responsible to the Minister for Industrial Relations Enforcement by Workplace Services [OHS] division of the Department of Administrative and Information Services (Workplace [industrial] Relations is included in the portfolio). |
| Tasmania | WorkCover Tasmania [WC and OHS] - responsible to the Minister for Infrastructure (Industrial Relations is included in the portfolio). Enforcement is by Workplace Standards Tasmania [OHS] within the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources. |
| ACT | ACT WorkCover [WC and OHS] - responsible to the Minister for Industrial Relations |
| NT | Northern Territory Work Health Authority [WC and OHS]. NT WorkSafe is the OHS arm of the Authority - responsible to the Minister for Employment Education and Training |

Note: WC: workers' compensation; OHS: occupational health and safety; IR: industrial relations.

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