

Operating licence transition process

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Business information

If you had a licence under the old laws, it automatically transitioned to an operating licence under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* on 1 July 2021. Over the next 12 months and beyond, EPA will work with operating licence holders across each industry to ensure you understand your new obligations.

Visit the [Operating licences](#) webpage to learn more about the transition timeline.

Process

You'll receive an email from EPA that your industry sector is scheduled.

Proposed Notice of Amendment

Each licence holder will be emailed a Proposed Notice of Amendment (PNoA). The PNoA will reference a prescribed permission activity or activities as per Schedule 1 of the [Environment Protection Regulations 2021](#).

Review the information in the PNoA including the new and amended conditions, the relevant prescribed permission activities, and any waste-related conditions if relevant. Most conditions will only be slightly amended under the new legislation. The PNoA will detail which conditions of your operating licence have substantially changed, if any. You'll have 10 business days to review your PNoA.

If your operating licence has waste codes, you may have already received advice from EPA on 1 July on what your waste codes will be. If so, EPA will ensure your PNoA's waste conditions match these waste codes.

If you think when reviewing your PNoA that you'll need more time to comply, you can request an additional six months under section 472(3) of the Regulations. We can only grant this additional time for conditions that have substantially changed. The PNoA will highlight these.

EPA will advise you in writing if the extended time has been granted.

Final Notice of Amendment

Approximately 10 or more business days after you receive the PNoA, you'll receive a Final Notice of Amendment with your new operating licence. Your new operating licence replaces the one you held under the old laws.

Compliance

Once you've received your Final Notice of Assessment and your new operating licence, you must comply with the conditions immediately. If you've applied for and received an additional six months to meet the substantially changed conditions, you must still comply with the rest of the condition amendments immediately.

You must also adhere to the [General Environment Duty](#).

Information about your operating licence will also be placed on [EPA's public register](#).

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