

Summary of changes



Amendments to the Demolition and Excavation compliance codes 2019

A guide to changes made

The Minister for Workplace Safety, Jill Hennessy, approved minor amendments to 11 compliance codes (codes) made under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004* (OHS Act), which include the Demolition and the Excavation compliance codes.

The minor amendments were made to:

- reflect amendments to section 35 and 36 of the OHS Act by the *Treasury and Finance Legislation Amendment Act 2018*
- improve style and branding consistency across the existing codes.

The table below provides a summary of changes made to the Demolition and Excavation compliance codes.

Code	Location	Change
Demolition	Paragraph 23	Insert additional content (highlighted in yellow) and replace OHS Act reference to s36 with reference to s35: “Employers who are required to consult on a matter must share information about the matter with employees, including relevant contractors and HSRs, give them a reasonable opportunity to express their views, and take those views into account before making a decision. If employees are represented by an HSR, the consultation must involve that HSR (with or without the involvement of the employees directly). If the employer and the employees have agreed to procedures for undertaking consultation, the consultation must be undertaken in accordance with those procedures. OHS Act s35”
	Paragraphs 20, 21, 71 and breakout boxes before paragraphs 89, 148, 207	Replace “health and safety” with “health or safety”
	Breakout box following paragraph 20	Insert missing full stop

Code	Location	Change
	Front cover	Update front cover to 'Edition 2'
	Back cover	Update back cover with new head office phone and address Update translation service contact details
Excavation	Paragraph 23	Insert additional content (highlighted in yellow) and replace OHS Act reference to s36 with reference to s35: "Employers who are required to consult on a matter must share information about the matter with employees, including relevant contractors and HSRs, give them a reasonable opportunity to express their views, and take those views into account before making a decision. If employees are represented by an HSR, the consultation must involve that HSR (with or without the involvement of the employees directly). If the employer and the employees have agreed to procedures for undertaking consultation, the consultation must be undertaken in accordance with those procedures. OHS Act s35"
	Paragraphs 20, 21, 75 and breakout boxes before paragraphs 110, 159, 183	Replace "health and safety" with "health or safety"
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Further information

Further information about the Demolition and Excavation compliance codes, including a copy of the codes, can be found on the WorkSafe website, [worksafe.vic.gov.au](https://www.worksafe.vic.gov.au), or by contacting the WorkSafe Advisory Service on 1800 136 089 from 7:30am to 6:30pm, Monday to Friday.