



WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS 2012

Exemption

Pursuant to Regulation 684 of the *Work Health and Safety Regulations 2012* (WHS Regulations), I have determined on my own initiative to grant an exemption from Regulation 529D, in specific circumstances, to enable the reinstallation of an existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab that was removed in order for repair or other work to be undertaken in the location.

This exemption is applicable to persons with management or control of undertaking work to remove and reinstall an existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab in order to undertake repair or other work in the location.

The purpose of Regulation 529D is to prohibit a person conducting a business or undertaking (PCBU) to carry out, or direct or allow a worker to carry out, work that involves manufacturing, supplying, processing or installing engineered stone benchtops, panels or slabs.

I have considered circumstances where work is required to remove an existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab in order for repair or other work to be undertaken in the location and the reinstallation of the existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab is required.

I have had regard to the risks associated with the reinstallation of the existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab in limited circumstances. I have determined that placing conditions on the exemption will ensure there is no increase in risk as a result of this exemption.

In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 684(1) of the WHS Regulations, an exemption has been granted from Regulation 529D on the following conditions:

1. The exemption only applies to the reinstallation of an existing engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab:
 - associated with repair or modification of underlying cabinetry or supporting structure, or to give access to repair or modify some underlying component;
 - in the same location from which it was removed; and
 - at the same address from which it was removed.
2. The exemption does not allow the installation of a replacement engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab if for any reason the original engineered stone benchtop, panel or slab cannot be reinstalled.
3. The relevant PCBU must:
 - ensure the processing of engineered stone when reinstalling is limited to minor modification only as per Regulation 529F
 - ensure the processing of engineered stone is controlled in accordance with Regulation 529B
 - if processing is required, notify the Regulator of the work being undertaken in accordance with Regulation 529G.

This exemption commences on 31 March 2026 and is valid until 30 March 2027.

Dated: 23 December 2025

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