

## Physician Factsheet

# National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry

## Commencement

The National Occupational Respiratory Disease Registry (National Registry) will begin on **22 May 2024**.

## The National Registry

The National Registry will capture and share data on the incidence of occupational respiratory diseases, causative exposures and respiratory health data. The National Registry will assist in:

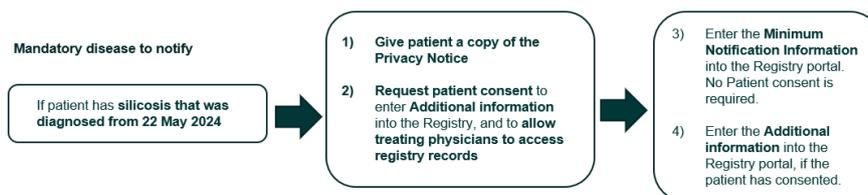
- detecting new and emerging threats to worker's respiratory health and
- targeting and monitoring the effectiveness of interventions and prevention strategies in reducing worker exposure to respiratory disease-causing agents.

From **22 May 2024** it will be mandatory for all prescribed medical practitioners in Australia to notify diagnoses of silicosis to the National Registry.

A prescribed medical practitioner is a medical practitioner registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law in the specialities of:

- a) **occupational and environmental medicine**; or
- b) **respiratory and sleep medicine**.

They can also choose to report other occupational respiratory diseases to the National Registry, with patient consent.



All notifications of occupational respiratory diseases will need to be submitted to the **Physician Portal**. The Physician Portal has been designed to minimise time spent entering information for the physician.

## What is next?

By the end of April 2024, the Department will provide prescribed medical practitioners with:

- further updates to ensure they are aware of their obligations and will know what information to notify, and when;
- further information and access to the Physician Portal, so they can register to the portal and arrange one or more agents to act on their behalf if they choose; and
- user guides and documents to support use of the portal.

Further updates about the National Registry will be made available from the Department's website.