

# CHANGES TO WASTE TRANSPORT CERTIFICATES.

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## WHEN IS A WASTE TRANSPORT CERTIFICATE REQUIRED?

A waste transport certificate (**WTC**) enables the Environment Protection Authority (**EPA**) to track the categorisation, control and lifecycle of prescribed industrial waste (**PIW**).

PIW includes waste generated from commercial or industrial sources that is potentially hazardous to humans or the environment.

Victorian waste producers, transporters and receivers or their accredited agents (Duty Holders) must submit a WTC for each consignment of PIW within 7 days, unless an exemption applies



## WHAT IS CHANGING?

From 1 July 2019, paper WTCs will be phased out completely and the EPA will no longer accept them.

Duty Holders must instead submit WTCs electronically through the EPA Interaction Portal (**Portal**).

# WHY ARE THE CHANGES BEING INTRODUCED?

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## Electronic waste tracking will enable the EPA to monitor the movement of PIW more quickly and accurately

From 1 July 2019, an improved waste tracking tool will be developed over a period of 12 months, which will help reduce risks to human health and the environment. The new system will deliver more sophisticated sector activity information including:

- Trends
- Improved data analytics
- Potential illegal activity

The transition to electronic WTCs is the first phase of the introduction of the EPA's new waste tracking tool.



The waste tracking changes are being introduced to give effect to the new Environment Protection Amendment Act 2018 (Vic) (**Amendment Act**), the purpose of which is to enhance protection of Victoria's environment and human health through taking a preventative approach to waste and pollution.

The Amendment Act comes into effect on **1 July 2020**.

# WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

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## PREPARE FOR THE NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEM.

Duty Holders must register an account on behalf of their business with the Portal.

From 1 July 2019, Duty Holders must submit waste transport certificates electronically through the Portal.

Electronic waste transport certificates will be provided free of charge from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Prior to 1 July 2019 and after 30 June 2020, electronic waste certificates will be available at a cost of 50 cents each.



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## RETURN AND OBTAIN A REFUND FOR UNUSED PAPER CERTIFICATES.

Paper waste transport certificates can no longer be purchased.

For any unused waste transport certificates, complete a refund claim form and receive a refund of \$5 per certificate.

Return paper waste certificates in person at any EPA office or by post to the reply-paid address on the form.

# UNSURE WHAT TO DO?

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