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EPA Veterinary Hospital Licensing Guidelines Summary X-Ray Apparatus

Licensing

Under section 6 of the *Radiation Control Act 1990* a person must hold a licence to use radioactive substances and certain radiation apparatus and comply with any conditions of the licence.

Employers must ensure all employees that use certain radiation apparatus and radioactive substances hold an appropriate licence.

If an employee contravenes any provision of the Act or the Regulation, the employer is also taken to have contravened the same provision.

To obtain a copy of the Radiation Control Act 1990 visit www.legislation.nsw.gov.au

To obtain a Licence Application:

Visit www.provet.net.au or e-mail i&eprovetvms@provet.net.au

Or contact:

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Radiation Information Services Centre
Phone: (02) 9995 5959
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Registration

- Radiation apparatus used for diagnostic imaging must be registered by its owner.
- Registration must be renewed every two or five years depending on the type of apparatus.
- X-ray apparatus must be regularly inspected by an EPA-accredited Consulting Radiation Expert.
- A Certificate of Compliance is required with all new registration applications and renewals.

To arrange an inspection for a Certificate of compliance by an accredited Consulting Radiation Expert contact your local Provet Branch or e-mail i&eprovetvms@provet.net.au

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Certificate of Compliance

X-ray apparatus must comply with mandatory requirements relating to performance, quality and safety in Schedule 1 of the relevant part of Radiation Guideline 6 before it can be registered or an existing registration can be renewed.

A Certificate of Compliance is an EPA-approved form issued by a Consulting Radiation Expert to an owner that declares whether the apparatus meets the registration requirements.

A Certificate of Compliance may only be issued by a CRE who is appropriately accredited by the EPA. Before the introduction of the 2004 edition of Radiation Guideline 6 there was a separate certificate for each part of the Guideline. There is now a single Certificate of Compliance for testing all apparatus. However, the EPA will accept certificates in the old form until 30 June 2004.

To obtain a copy of the Radiation Guideline 6 – Section 4 Veterinary Science visit www.provet.net.au or e-mail i&eprovetvms@provet.net.au

In Short:

- Persons using X-Ray apparatus must hold a current licence
- X-Ray apparatus used by the practice must have a current compliance certificate
- X-Ray apparatus used by the practice must be registered with the EPA. Registration form must be sent with payment and a copy of the compliance certificate.
- The EPA may have the details of apparatus previously registered by a practice but may not have details of the compliance certificate. Should you receive a letter from the EPA informing you that the certificate of compliance has not been submitted we suggest that you contact the EPA and ask for details of the unit that is registered with the EPA. If you no longer own or use the unit in question either the EPA or Provet can advise you as to what actions to take. If you still have possession of the unit and it is still in use then a copy of the compliance certificate should be sent to the EPA.
- If you intend to sell or give away your x-ray apparatus the EPA must be notified. Provet or the EPA can provide the appropriate forms.

For further information visit <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/radiation/index.htm>

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