



## Commonwealth Fact Sheet



### THE AUSTRALIAN RADIATION PROTECTION AND NUCLEAR SAFETY ACT 1998

*If your project uses or handles radioactive material, you must obtain permits in accordance with this Act or State and Territory regulations.*

#### 1. What approvals do I need?

Licences are required to:

- Source radioactive material and related instruments/apparatus, and
- Operate a prescribed radiation facility.

A detailed list of activities is available on the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) [website](#).

Permits are also required to Import and Export radioactive material.

#### 2. Who provides approvals?

ARPANSA regulates activities with direct Commonwealth involvement under the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998*.

Where there is no Commonwealth involvement, State and Territory regulations apply, and require separate approvals.

Requirements for the transport of Radioactive Substances are regulated by the states and territories in conjunction with the [Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency](#) (ARPANSA).

#### 3. How do I get Commonwealth approval?

Guidelines and application forms for [licences](#) and [permits](#) are available online on the ARPANSA website.

#### 4. More information

##### Commonwealth

For more information on offshore transport security, visit the [Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications](#) or phone 1300 791 581 or + 61 2 6274 6992 (from outside Australia).

##### State and Territory

ARPANSA works with state and territory regulators to promote national uniformity of radiation protection.

Relevant state and territory contacts are listed [here](#).

##### Major Projects Facilitation Agency

If you would like assistance to identify the regulatory obligations for your project, please visit our [Online Tool](#) or contact us:

Email: [mpfa@industry.gov.au](mailto:mpfa@industry.gov.au)