

Overdue QFES compliance

Purpose of compliance communiques

The Private Health Regulation Unit (PHRU) uses compliance communiques to assist private health facilities improve their compliance practices and better understand their legislative responsibilities.

The PHRU is committed to an ongoing analysis of compliance information, so that common areas of non-compliance can be identified and highlighted to private health facilities, so they can take steps to improve their performance and avoid regulatory action.

Fire compliance

The Private Health Facilities Standards - Physical Environmental Standard (version 6) requires that:

- *Every 3 years, the licensee must provide to the Chief Health Officer a report, issued by an authorised fire officer within the meaning of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, stating that the licensee has complied with the requirements of Part 9A of that Act and with the Building Fire Safety Regulation 2008.*

There have been multiple incidences where private health facilities have failed to provide us with a copy of their renewed fire compliance certification letter prior to the date their existing certification expired.

This is a breach of the licensee's obligations under the *Private Health Facilities Act 1999* and regulatory action may be taken in response to a breach.

Action recommended to private health facilities

- Contact your local Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES) well in advance of the date of expiry of your current compliance certification to ensure your inspection can be conducted, and any necessary remedial action undertaken, prior to the expiration of your current certification. Depending on your location, you may wish to contact the QFES several months ahead of time.

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