

Changes to Regulation 58 - Audiometric (Australia)

Fact Sheet



From 1 January 2024, the enforcement of Regulation 58 of the Model Work Health and Safety Regulations is now in effect to help protect the hearing of workers.

What's changing for workplaces in Australia?

Changes to Regulation 58 stipulates workers who are required to use personal protective equipment (PPE) to control exposure to hazardous noise must undertake audiometric testing.

Audiometric testing must be conducted:

- Every two years for workers frequently required by their workplace to wear PPE as a control measure for noise that exceeds the exposure standard.
- For new workers within three months of commencing their employment.
- Regular follow-up tests must be carried out at least every two years.

What is an audiometric test?

An audiometric test diagnoses hearing loss by having the participant wear headphones that play tones at different frequencies, decreasing in volume. The participant presses a button when they hear a tone, and these responses create an audiogram, which is evaluated by a professional to detect hearing loss.

Who performs an audiometric test?

A trained professional such as an Occupational Hygienist can perform an audiometric test.

For workers that were employed before 1 January 2024, hearing tests must be conducted before 1 January 2026.

Talk to Tetra Tech Coffey to learn how you can support your workplace adopt these changes.