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New record-keeping and minimum training requirements for chemical use

From 19 June 2020, the requirement to make and keep records of chemical use and new minimum training requirements has been extended to all users of agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals under amendments to the Chemical Usage (Agricultural and Veterinary) Control Regulation 2017.

The amendments reflect a nationally harmonised approach regarding record keeping and training for all agvet chemical users.

The Regulation now stipulates what information must be recorded; who must make and keep records; who must be provided with a copy of the record; timeframes within which a record must be made; and the length of time for which the record must be kept. Certain non-agricultural use of some chemicals (e.g. pool chlorine, domestic insecticides, and home garden chemicals) is excluded from these requirements.

Nationally harmonised minimum training and licensing requirements are now in place for occupational (fee-for-service) users of agvet chemicals and all users of restricted chemical products (RCPs) and Schedule 7 chemicals (i.e. poisons).

New training requirements for use of RCPs commenced on 19 July 2020, while the new requirements for use of Schedule 7 chemicals will commence on 19 July 2021.

Nationally harmonised minimum requirements provide confidence to trade partners, protect Queensland's enviable reputation as a 'clean and green' supplier of high-quality produce, and will allow users of agvet chemicals to conduct their business in any Australian jurisdiction with greater ease.

More information is available on [keeping records of agricultural chemical applications](#) or by calling our Customer Support Centre on 13 25 23.

