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Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme

Quality Innovation Performance Limited (QIP) is one of Australia's most comprehensive not-for-profit accreditation providers. QIP accredits a diverse range of organisations across Australian health, community and human services sectors.

Resources Safety & Health Queensland (RSHQ) has engaged QIP to deliver accreditation services for the medical providers that offer services to Queensland's coal mine workers.

Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme

The Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme (the Scheme) protects the health of Queensland's coal mine workers by ensuring they undergo compulsory health assessments.

A number of reforms have been made to the Scheme following the re-identification of coal mine workers' pneumoconiosis in 2015. These reforms include requiring doctors and medical providers undertaking particular assessments

and examinations under the Scheme to be approved by RSHQ.

The accreditation process offers assurance to Queensland's coal mine workers that their medical providers are appropriately qualified, experienced and meet the relevant standards.

Accrediting with QIP

For doctors who act as Appointed Medical Advisers, medical practices that provide spirometry, chest X-ray imaging practices, and providers of spirometry training courses, the approval criteria currently includes the achievement of accreditation with QIP.

Providers that were not voluntarily registered with RSHQ before 1 March 2019, must be accredited with QIP before applying to RSHQ for approval. Those registered before 1 March 2019 must complete their accreditation and be approved by RSHQ by 1 March 2021.



Want to learn more about the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme and accreditation requirements?

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Chest X-ray Imaging Practice Accreditation

RSHQ currently approves X-ray imaging practices that take chest X-rays for coal mine workers.

To achieve accreditation, practices must provide evidence that they meet the RSHQ Standards for acquiring digital chest radiography images for medical surveillance of Queensland coal mine workers.

This accreditation is specifically for the Scheme and is separate to the accreditation provided by QIP and other agencies for the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Scheme (DIAS) Practice Accreditation Standards.



Spirometry Practice Accreditation

RSHQ currently approves practices that provide spirometry (lung function) tests for coal mine workers.

To achieve accreditation, practices must provide evidence that they meet the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) Standards for the Delivery of Spirometry for Resource Sector Workers.

This accreditation is specifically for the Scheme and is separate to the general practice accreditation offered by Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL) and other agencies.



Spirometry Training Course Accreditation

RSHQ currently approves spirometry training courses for individuals who perform spirometry testing for the Scheme. Both full courses and refresher courses can receive accreditation with QIP.

To achieve accreditation, spirometry training courses must meet the TSANZ Standards for Spirometry Training Courses. Training providers are also required to meet additional quality standards relating to the organisation to ensure the delivery of quality training and assessment services.



Supervising Doctor Accreditation for Appointed Medical Advisers

Appointed Medical Advisers (AMAs) carry out, supervise and report on health assessments for an employer's coal mine workers. AMAs must be approved by RSHQ as a supervising doctor before they can carry out this function for an employer.

Doctors must hold a general or specialist registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and have the required qualifications, training and experience. To achieve accreditation, doctors must provide evidence that they meet the RSHQ Supervising Doctor Standards.



How can QIP help?

The QIP team is committed to supporting providers understand their requirements for accreditation against the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme, and in relation to registration requirements with the RSHQ.

QIP provides personalised support, resources and user-friendly software solutions to ensure the accreditation journey is streamlined and a positive experience.

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