

Design Registration Requirements Matrix for Elevating Work Platforms in Australia

Following the introduction of the new harmonised Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Regulations in NSW, QLD, NT ACT and SA, the following guideline applies regarding design registration of Elevating Work Platforms

NOTE A: All States recognise each other's Design Registration.

NOTE B: In those States that have incorporated the new WHS regulations it is necessary to apply for design registration in the State where the applicants registered office exists, although design registration may be accepted in exceptional circumstances

MEWP TYPE:	DESIGN REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY STATE							
	NSW	QLD	VIC	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
Self Propelled Scissor Lift	NO	NO	YES ¹	NO ²	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mobile Vertical Lift	NO	NO	YES ¹	NO ²	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mobile Z Type Lift	NO	NO	YES ¹	NO ²	NO	NO	NO	NO
Mobile Boom Lift	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ²	YES ³	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ⁴
Trailer Lift	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ²	YES ³	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ⁴
Truck Mounted Boom Lift	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ²	YES ³	YES ⁴	YES ⁴	YES ⁴
Truck Mounted Scissor Lift	NO	NO	YES ¹	NO ²	NO	NO	NO	NO

- Greater than 2.4m lift height
- Compliance to AS1418.10.2004 (not the current standard)
- AS1418.10.2011 is stated as the Standard to comply to
- Design Registration is to "any equivalent Standard" or to AS1418.10.2011. Standard is noted in Codes of Practice Investigations will focus on 'best practice'.

The above matrix gives an explanation regarding the possible confusion over harmonisation in Australia.

Currently if you have a scissor lift you would like to sell in Victoria and you are not based in Victoria then special exemption will allow you to submit to Victoria. No other State requires Design Registration of scissor lifts, but be wary if the scissor lift is transferred to Victoria from another State.

WA do not refer to the current AS1418.10.2011, but rather the previous AS1418.10.2004.

Design Registration for boom lifts must be lodged in the same State as the registered office of the applicant. The Design Registration will be recognised by all States, but be wary of WA's reference to the earlier Standard AS1418.10-2004. Note that Scissor, Vertical and Z-type Lifts must be Design Registered in Victoria.