

## Coal Mine Worker's Fact Sheet



#### What is the Coal Mine Workers' Health Scheme?

The scheme aims to protect your long term health as a coal mine worker. It requires that every worker completes a health assessment, including a chest x-ray, upon entry into the industry and at least once every five years. Sunshine Coast Radiology is a Lungscreen endorsed provider of these chest x-rays.



### Why is a chest x-ray important?

The chest x-ray provides early diagnosis and intervention for diseases like Coal Worker Pneumoconiosis (also known as Black Lung disease) and Silicosis. These diseases are caused by long-term exposure to high levels of respirable coal dust.



#### Why is early detection of CWP so important?

CWP can take up to 10 years or more to develop, and even longer to produce noticeable symptoms. While prevention is the best defence, identifying the disease in its early stages can prevent it from progressing to a point where it has an impact on your quality of life.



# Is there any other way to commence work without a fully adjudicated report from Lungscreen?

No. Lungscreen's fully adjudicated ILO report is mandatory prior to commencement of employment on-site as a coal mine worker in Queensland under Government regulation.



# Some Radiology companies provide a 'first read' B report. Can I use this report to start work?

No. A single B-read report is not sufficient. Lungscreen's fully adjudicated ILO report is mandatory prior to commencement of employment on-site.



#### What documentation do I need to start work?

As part of your health assessment your chest x-ray as a coal mine worker must be dual read against an International Labour Organisation (ILO) standard by NIOSH B-reader approved Radiologists. Lungscreen has been appointed by the DNRME as the sole provider of this service in Queensland. Since 1 March 2019 all Qld coal mine worker chest x-rays must be sent to Lungscreen and a fully adjudicated ILO report from Lungscreen is required prior to commencement of employment on-site. Lungscreen has a list of registered x-ray providers for Queensland Coal Mine Workers listed on their website. Sunshine Coast Radiology is a Lungscreen endorsed provider of this chest x-ray service.



# Are there any Radiology providers that are mandatory for my chest x-ray?

No. You can visit any registered X-ray Provider for Queensland Coal Mine Workers listed on the Lungscreen website for your chest x-ray. Sunshine Coast Radiology is registered and approved by Lungscreen and the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.



# Is there a mandatory provider for my fully adjudicated ILO Report?

Yes. This report must come from Lungscreen Australia. Lungscreen is the approved sole provider of this service for Queensland, by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy.



# What is the process for ILO Reporting at **Sunshine Coast Radiology?**

You receive your referral



Present to one of the Sunshine Coast Radiology practices in Bli Bli, Buderim, Birtinya, Maroochydore, Nambour or Warana.

No appointment is necessary and no wait time expected for the patient

Institution/patient responsible for the account will receive one invoice which is inclusive of Lungscreen's portion for a fully adjudicated report.

Sunshine Coast Radiology will transfer the images and referral to Lungscreen.



Within 2 business days of the x-ray being taken a fully adjudicated urgent Lungscreen report will be delivered to the referrers inbox.

# **Book an appointment**



### **Benefits of SCR**

- Dedicated ILO Manager
- We manage the full end-end process
- High quality imaging
- Convenient locations
- Fully adjudicated urgent ILO B-read report provided within 2 business days
- Competitive pricing
- Contact us for more information

### Other services:

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