

Personal radiation monitoring devices

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EPA 609/15: This information sheet discusses the use of approved personal radiation monitoring devices for radiation workers within South Australia.

Introduction

A personal radiation monitoring device (PRMD) is a radiation sensor designed to measure, over a specified period of time, the radiation dose received by a person who is occupationally exposed to radiation.

Legislation covering their use

The use of PRMDs in South Australia is governed by legislation under the *Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982* (the Act) and the *Radiation Protection and Control (Ionising Radiation) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations). The Act and the Regulations are administered by the Environment Protection Authority, Radiation Protection Branch.

Under Regulation 17 (of the Regulations) an employer must issue a PRMD to each radiation worker in their employment, unless they have been given an exemption (under Section 44 of the Act). Only radiation workers involved with plain dental X-ray apparatus (excluding panoramic radiography, cephalometric and cone-beam computed tomography), unless directed in writing by the EPA, and some specific persons or class of persons within particular organisations are currently exempt.

Who should use one?

If you are occupationally exposed to radiation you must wear a PRMD unless you or your work place has been specifically granted an exemption. If you are only involved in taking plain dental X-rays, (excluding panoramic radiography, cephalometric and cone-beam computed tomography), you are currently granted an exemption.

Even if you are exempt from wearing such a device you may wish to wear one, in which case you should discuss this with your employer. Your employer may decide to set up a personal radiation monitoring program by accessing one of the personal radiation monitoring services available from government agencies or private organisations. However, if an exemption has been granted, your employer is not legally obliged to set up such a program. Note that the Environment Protection Authority, Radiation Protection Branch does not provide a personal radiation monitoring service.

Where do I get an approved PRMD

Several organisations provide a range of approved PRMDs suitable for various radiation types (alpha, beta, gamma, X-ray and neutron), as shown in the table below. These organisations also offer personal radiation monitoring services. Please note that these organisations provide products and services on a commercial basis, so there is usually a cost associated with using them.

Personal radiation monitoring device suppliers

Approved PRMD	Supplier	Radiation type
TLD Monitor	ARPANSA ¹	beta, gamma, X-ray
Special TLD Monitor	ARPANSA	beta, gamma, X-ray
Neutron Monitor	ARPANSA	beta, gamma, X-ray, neutron
Extremity Monitor	ARPANSA	beta, gamma, X-ray
RDC Type 82 TLD-XBGN dosimeter	GMS ²	beta, gamma, X-ray, neutron
RDC Type 83 TLD-XBGN/TE dosimeter	GMS	beta, gamma, X-ray, neutron
RDC Type 05 TLD-XBG ring dosimeter	GMS	beta, gamma, X-ray, neutron
Pa Badge	Landauer ³	beta, gamma, X-ray
Ja Badge	Landauer	beta, gamma, X-ray, neutron
Ta Badge	Landauer	beta, gamma, X-ray, thermal
U Badge (Ring)	Landauer	beta, gamma, X-ray
Personal Alpha Dosimeter	RSIC ⁴	radon progeny and long lived radioactive dust
instadose® 2	SGS ⁵	beta, gamma, X-ray
instadose™	SGS	gamma, X-ray
Genesis Ultra TLD	SGS	beta, gamma, neutron
Genesis Ultra TLD with CR39	SGS	beta, gamma, neutron
Film + Orange holder	SGS	gamma, X-ray
Film + Yellow holder	SGS	gamma, X-ray
Film + Blue holder	SGS	gamma, X-ray
TLD + Ring holder	SGS	gamma, X-ray
TLD + PB5 holder	SGS	gamma, X-ray
TLD + PB10 holder	SGS	gamma, X-ray

Contact information for the suppliers

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Disclaimer

This publication is a guide only and does not necessarily provide adequate information in relation to every situation. This publication seeks to explain your possible obligations in a helpful and accessible way. In doing so, however, some detail may not be captured. It is important, therefore, that you seek information from the EPA itself regarding your possible obligations and, where appropriate, that you seek your own legal advice.

Further information

Legislation

[Online legislation](#) is freely available. Copies of legislation are available for purchase from:

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