



Fact sheet: E-waste ban Significant entity overview

E-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia



This fact sheet provides an overview of the specific responsibilities of significant entities under the [Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery \(e-waste\) Regulations 2024](#) (the Regulations). It should be read in conjunction with the Regulations, which set out the full responsibilities for significant entities.

A **significant entity** means a business entity or a public entity, that in relation to any financial year –

- has 200¹ or more full-time equivalent employees at the beginning of the financial year; or
- created, during the immediately preceding financial year, five or more tonnes of regulated e-waste.

A business entity –

- means an entity involved in business, industry, trade or commerce; but
- does not include a public entity.

A public entity means –

- an agency or organisation as those terms are defined in the *Public Sector Management Act 1994* section 3(1); or
- a local government or a regional local government.

Significant entity responsibilities

Under the Regulations, significant entities, must:

- not send or leave regulated e-waste at a landfill site (r.8(2)), unless they have a reasonable expectation that the regulated e-waste would be aggregated for the recovery of processed materials (r.8(3))
- keep regulated e-waste resulting from its activities separate from other waste (r.12(1))
- not store regulated e-waste resulting from its activities for more than 12 months after the month in which the waste results from the entity's activities (r.12(2))
- not do anything that would reduce the ability of the regulated e-waste to be treated, processed or recycled during the storage or transportation (r.12(3))
- transfer regulated e-waste resulting from its activities to an e-waste service provider² (r.12(4)).

Regarding the recording and retention of data, significant entities must:

- by 31 July 2025 for 2024–25 (then by 31 July each year thereafter), record data and keep records from previous financial year
- record a description of the regulated e-waste resulting from its activities as per the categories in Schedule 1 column 1 of the Regulations (r.13(a))
- record the total weight of the regulated e-waste resulting from its activities (r.13(b))
- record the name and address of each e-waste service provider to which regulated e-waste was transferred to (r.13(c))
- retain records for at least five years commencing 1 July 2024 (r.15(1))

¹ The Australian Bureau of Statistics classifies large businesses as those that employ 200 or more full-time equivalent employees.

² An e-waste service provider as defined in the Regulations is a person who conducts a business or undertaking that includes the collection or receipt of regulated e-waste for storage, management, aggregation, treatment, processing, sorting, recycling, transfer or disposal.

- on request by Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, give a copy of the record within the period specified (r.15(2)).

Information on annual reporting requirements is provided in [Fact sheet: E-waste ban – Reporting requirements of e-waste service providers](#).

Compliance and enforcement

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) understands that some significant entities will not be able to meet the requirements of the ban immediately and will need time to transition. In recognition of this, the department will take an education-focused approach as part of the introduction of these changes. The department expects businesses and public entities to demonstrate reasonable efforts to comply with the ban.

The department will take action in accordance with its [Compliance and enforcement policy](#) and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* where there is evidence of activity that may cause harm to the environment or human health.

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Further information

A [series of fact sheets](#) has been developed to provide further information for significant entities and e-waste service providers. Topics covered include the responsibilities of service providers and significant entities, reporting requirements and how to estimate the weight of e-waste.

Where can I get more support?

If you need further information about data reporting requirements under the Regulations, please contact the Waste Data team: waste.data@dwer.wa.gov.au.

If you have questions about other aspects of the Regulations, email: ewaste@dwer.wa.gov.au
Website: [E-waste to landfill ban in WA](#)

