

Frequently Asked Questions



This Fact Sheet provides information relating to frequently asked questions arising from the commencement of the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* on 1 March 2017.

Who regulates Scrap Metal industry legislation?

Police regulate the Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016. They are authorised to enter scrap metal business premises at a reasonable time without a warrant and investigate contraventions of the Act. They are empowered to: search; take photographs and recordings; seize and copy records; and take other regulatory measures.

Are there fines for breaches of Scrap Metal industry legislation?

Yes. There are significant penalties for a variety of infringements including:

- operating an unregistered scrap metal business
- failing to maintain appropriate records
- taking possession of motor vehicles without authority from police that have had identifiers removed, obliterated, defaced or altered
- hindering or obstructing police
- paying cash for scrap metal (except for aluminium cans which are exempt)
- carrying on a business of dealing in scrap metal while a closure order is in force.

Breaches of the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* can also be brought before the Local Court.

What if I think Scrap Metal being presented for sale is stolen or unlawfully obtained?

Scrap metal dealers are required to report suspicious transactions to police.

How do I notify SLED of changes to my registered details or obtain a replacement certificate?

1. Download Form P1173- "Application to Amend or Replace an Existing Registration as a Scrap Metal Dealer" from the NSW Police Force website at http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/scrap_metal_industry
2. Complete the form, including payment details (acceptable methods of payment are: cheque; money order; or credit card – Visa or Master Card only)
3. Post to: SLED, NSW Police Force, Locked Bag 5099, PARRAMATTA NSW 2124.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

The information provided in this Fact Sheet is for general guidance only. Applicants and licensees should familiarise themselves with the *Scrap Metal Industry Act 2016* and the *Scrap Metal Industry Regulation 2016*, which are available on the NSW Legislation website (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au).