



Department of Mines,
Petroleum and Exploration

Regulation 84H – Ability to suppress service address

Information Sheet

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to explain the privacy and safety safeguard introduced by Regulation 84H of the recently amended Mining Regulations 1981.

Background

Regulation 84G sets out the service address obligations for tenement holders and applicants. Regulation 84G requires every tenement applicant or holder to provide a current physical street address (business or residential) for service of notices and documents. This address may be that of the applicant or tenement holder (as the case may be) or an authorised agent who can receive service on their behalf. Failure to maintain a valid service address is an offence under the regulations, and penalties apply.

Under the existing framework these details are already captured and made public via the Mining Register. Regulation 84H introduces a targeted privacy and safety safeguard for individuals whose address details appear on the mining register. It empowers the Director General of Mines to approve a request to keep an individual's residential or business address (including that of a business that the individual carries on jointly with others) confidential if it is considered that publishing these details would **substantially** affect the health, safety or wellbeing of the person or a family member.

Who can apply

Any individual whose address details appear on the register, and whose health, safety or wellbeing (or that of a family member) is substantially affected by virtue of those details being publicly accessible through requests for copies of the register.

"Address details" means the residential address of the individual and a business address of a business of the individual.

If you are able to nominate an authorised agent to receive service address on your behalf, you should do so *in lieu* of applying for suppression. This ensures third-party service of documents remains possible once your personal address is suppressed.

How to apply

An individual may write to the Director General requesting suppression under r.84H. An application may be lodged via Mineral Titles Online or over the counter.

In making an application the following information should be provided: name, tenement details, address details to be suppressed, reason for the request to suppress and relevant supporting information.

A proforma is provided at the appendix to this document.

Eligibility and evidence

The Director General may approve a request if they are satisfied it is necessary because the individual's (or a family member's) health, safety or wellbeing would be substantially affected by making the address available on a copy of a register record. This is a high threshold aimed at **genuine safety risks, not inconvenience**.

Regulation 84H aligns with section 77 of the *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* (PRIS Act) which will come into full effect on 1 July 2026.

To clear the threshold, applicant must provide the Director General with objective, verifiable material that demonstrates a real and significant risk to health, safety and wellbeing and a clear link between that risk and the publicly accessible address details. The Director General will consider all evidence provided when making a decision. A decision will be made as soon as reasonably practicable.

Evidence material may include restraining orders, relocation orders, a recognised specialist risk assessment. Evidence showing a strong link to the address may include related messages referencing the address, evidence the person has previously used other registers to locate you, logs and correspondence.

Furthermore, the Department will collect the minimum information reasonably necessary to assess the r 84H application. Information will be treated as highly sensitive.

How suppression is applied

If the address details of an individual are to be treated as confidential, those address details will be masked from public copies of the register, extracts, and dealings, and the applicant will be notified in writing of the decision.

The address details will continue to be retained in the register on a confidential basis.

What if my request is denied?

If your request is denied and you remain dissatisfied, you can lodge a privacy complaint with the WA Information Commissioner once the PRIS Act comes into full effect. Please refer to the applicable sections of the PRIS Act for more information.

Alternatively, a refusal is an administrative decision amenable to judicial review in the Supreme Court.

Need help?

If you are unsure whether a regulation 84H request is appropriate in your circumstances, contact the department for guidance on making a request and the kinds of information that assist the assessment.

Application to Suppress Address Details under Regulation 84H

Use this form if you wish to request suppression of your residential or business address details from public copies of the Mining Register under Regulation 84H. Suppression may be approved if disclosure would **substantially** affect your health, safety, or wellbeing or that of a family member.

If you are able to nominate an authorised agent to receive service address on your behalf, you should do so *in lieu* of applying for suppression. This ensures third-party service of documents remains possible once your personal address is suppressed.

Applicant Details

Full Name: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

2. Tenement Details

Tenement Number(s): _____

Type of Tenement: _____

3. Address Details to be Suppressed

Residential Address: _____

Business Address (if applicable): _____

4. Reason for Request

Explain why making your address publicly available would substantially affect your health, safety, or wellbeing or that of a family member:

5. Supporting Evidence Checklist

Please attach copies of any supporting documents (tick those provided):

☐ Police report or restraining order

☐ Specialist risk assessment

☐ Other relevant evidence (please specify): _____

6. Declaration

I declare that I am not willing/able to appoint an agent to receive service on my behalf and that I seek therefore the suppression of my service address details. The information provided in this application is true and correct, and I understand that providing false or misleading information is an offence.

Signature: _____ Date: _____