



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIRECTORATE: RADIATION CONTROL**



GUIDELINES

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR RADIATION WORKERS

The current Regulations concerning the control of electronic products, published in 1973 prescribe annual medical examinations. However, the International Standards concerning annual medical examinations have changed. Therefore, this Department currently applies the following guidelines:

1. Before any person is appointed as a radiation worker, (s)he must undergo a medical examination.
2. Medical examinations for radiation workers should follow general occupational medical practice for determining fitness for work.
3. Each radiation worker will be required to undergo a medical examination in the event of the following:
 - When a radiation occurrence / incident resulting in an abnormally high dose is suspected to have taken place or has been confirmed;
 - When a medical practitioner deems it necessary;
 - When such an examination is considered necessary either by the regulatory authority or the holder of the licence, and
 - When the radiation worker suspects that his/her health has been, or will be, adversely affected by occupational factors.

Note: **Annual medical examinations are no longer required** by DOH but they remain the prerogative of the licence holder should (s)he deem it necessary.

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Reference: International Basic Safety Standards for Protection Against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources.115, Safety Standards. IAEA, February 1996.