

# **Ionising Radiations Act [Cap 102]**

*(To be repealed -see Part 10 Health & Safety at Work Act 1996)*

## **LAWS OF FIJI**

### **CHAPTER 102**

#### **IONISING RADIATIONS**

*Ordinance No. 44 of 1969*

#### **AN ACT TO PROTECT WORKERS AGAINST IONISING RADIATIONS**

[1<sup>st</sup> July, 1974]

##### *Short title*

1. This Act may be cited as the [Ionising Radiations Act](#).

##### *Interpretation*

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Authority" means the Permanent Secretary for Health;

"ionising radiation" means electromagnetic radiation (that is to say X-ray or gamma-ray photons or quanta) or corpuscular radiation (that is to say alpha particles, beta particles, electrons, positrons, photons, neutrons or heavy particles) being electromagnetic radiation or corpuscular radiation capable of producing ions and emitted from a radio-active substance or from a machine or apparatus in which electrons are accelerated by a voltage of not less than five kilovolts.

### *Licence required for machines or apparatus*

**3.**-(1) No person shall install or cause to be installed on any premises used for the purpose of an undertaking for use in such undertaking any machine or apparatus which is capable of producing or emitting ionising radiations unless he has obtained a licence from the Authority permitting him to install or cause to be installed such machine or apparatus.(2) The Minister may by order exempt any machine or apparatus or any class of machine or apparatus from the provisions of this section.(3) Any person who has, before the commencement of this Act, installed or caused to be installed any machine or apparatus of the nature referred to in subsection (2) shall, within three months of such commencement, apply to the Authority for a licence to operate such machine or apparatus and in the event of such licence being refused shall forthwith upon such refusal being communicated to him cease to operate such machine or apparatus.

### *Licence*

**4.**-(1) Applications for the granting of a licence under the provisions of this Act shall be made in writing to the Authority who may require the applicant to give such further information as the Authority may require or may require the applicant to permit the inspection of the premises in which the machine or apparatus is intended to be installed or, in the case of a machine or apparatus being operated at the commencement of this Act, is

installed.(2) The Authority may grant or refuse a licence and, if a licence is granted, he may impose such conditions therein as he may in his discretion see fit.(3) A licence issued under the provisions of this Act may at any time be revoked or varied by the Authority and if such a licence is granted for a limited period it may be renewed with or without variation at the expiration of such period in the same manner as in the case of a granting of a permit.

### *Offences*

**5.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of section **3** or who fails to comply with the provisions of any condition imposed in a licence granted under the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

*Controlled by Ministry of Health*

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